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## TURN FOR THE WORSE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

The Finnish question has obviously taken a decided turn for the worse following the Soviet denunciation of the Russo-Finnish Non-Aggression Pact.

The Soviet considers that the Pact became inoperant as from yesterday "because of Finland's anti-Soviet policy."

The Treaty, which was signed in 1932, provided that six months' notice was required for its denunciation.

The Soviet Note states:

"The Finnish refusal to withdraw its troops shows that Helsinki desires to keep Leningrad under the immediate threat of the Finnish Army. The Soviets do not threaten Finland as the Soviet troops are concentrated 100 kilometres behind the frontier.

"Besides, a similar withdrawal of both sides as proposed by Finland is impossible as it would endanger both sides."

### ALARMING GESTURE

Political circles here are of the opinion that although it does not constitute an Ultimatum, the Soviet gesture is alarming.

The Soviet Radio alleges three incidents on the Russo-Finnish border. In one case, it alleges, a group of Finnish soldiers attempting to cross the frontier was repulsed by machine-gun fire.

All Soviet frontier posts have been reinforced.—Havas.

### GERMAN COMMENT ON SITUATION

Berlin, To-day.  
Political circles in Moscow, according to a Moscow telegram, consider that while the denunciation of the Soviet-Finnish Pact greatly increases the tension, it does not necessarily mean that an armed collision is imminent.

The Soviet move, however, is considered to be in the nature of an urgent last-minute warning to Finland and further developments depend on the Finnish Government's reception of the Soviet Note, which repeats the demand for the withdrawal of Finnish troops from the frontier.—Reuter.

### STORY OF FRONTIER SKIRMISHES

Moscow, To-day.  
A series of frontier skirmishes between Finnish and Soviet troops are reported by the military command in the Leningrad area, according to the Tass Agency, which says that three

## GESTAPO REIGN OF TERROR

### GRIM REVELATIONS OF BARBARITY IN POLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Basel, To-day.

A NEW REIGN OF terror has been established throughout Poland in an attempt by the Gestapo to eradicate Polish national feelings, according to a diplomat who has just arrived from Warsaw. Apparently the S.S. men have received orders to make Polish resistance "impossible for centuries" and in order to do this they are to destroy all intellectual elements in Poland.

When the repression campaign began, numbers of aristocrats were shot and women and children murdered.

Warsaw's population is in a desperate plight, suffering from hunger and cold. Eighty per cent of the city was destroyed in the war and no new buildings have been constructed.

In reply to a question by a neutral diplomat, a Gestapo official said:—"What's the use of relief measures? Our duty is to liquidate the Poles, not look after their well-being."

The fate of the Jews is still worse, as many are dying of hunger, as they

are not allowed to leave the Ghetto, into which no food is entering. The Jewish death rate is appalling in Warsaw and also at Lublin, which suffered heavily from bombing and affords no shelter against the bitter cold.

### DISGUST AROUSED

The attitude of the S.S. men and the power they enjoy draws bitter opposition from Germans, both soldiers and civilians. Some of the youngest S. S. men have asked to be permitted to go back to the Reich.

The Gestapo, however, is so solidly established that Hans Franck, the Polish "Protector," has moved his headquarters from Warsaw to Cracow in order to avoid friction.—Havas.

### GERMANY NEEDS HARD BLOWS

London, To-day.

The Earl of Cork and Orrery, moving the Address in Reply to the King's Speech in the House of Lords, declared that Britain was fighting an unscrupulous enemy.

There was a danger in underestimating German strength and how far Germany was prepared to go.

No economic pressure, he declared, will make Germany sue for peace.

Germany will give way only under severe blows on land, on sea and in the air. They must be hard and relentless.—Reuter.

Finns were taken prisoner.

According to Tass, five Finnish soldiers fired on a frontier patrol in the Karelian Isthmus. The Finns were thrown back on their own territory. There were no Soviet losses.

Later the Finns fired five rifle shots, to which the Soviet troops did not reply. Tass also alleges that following the firing of two cannon shots which burst in Soviet territory, small groups of Finnish infantry attempted to cross the frontier, but in the face of rifle and machine-gun fire retreated into Finnish territory.—Reuter.

### DOUBTLESS JUST FOR THE EXERCISE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.  
It is very reliably reported that both the Germans and the Russians are engaged in strenuous fortification work on their new common frontier running through Poland.

Both sides have speeded up the construction of concrete block-houses and an intricate system of trenches and field fortifications.—Havas.

## DIRE THREAT

London, To-day.  
A German comment on the publication of the British Order-in-Council for reprisals, says: "We shall meet menace with worse menace. We shall fight until England bends the knee as no other Power has ever bent before us."—Reuter.

### ARTILLERY FIRE

Paris, To-day.  
Artillery fire at different points along the Western Front is reported, but no large-scale infantry operations were noted.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-East winds, fresh; cloudy, cold.

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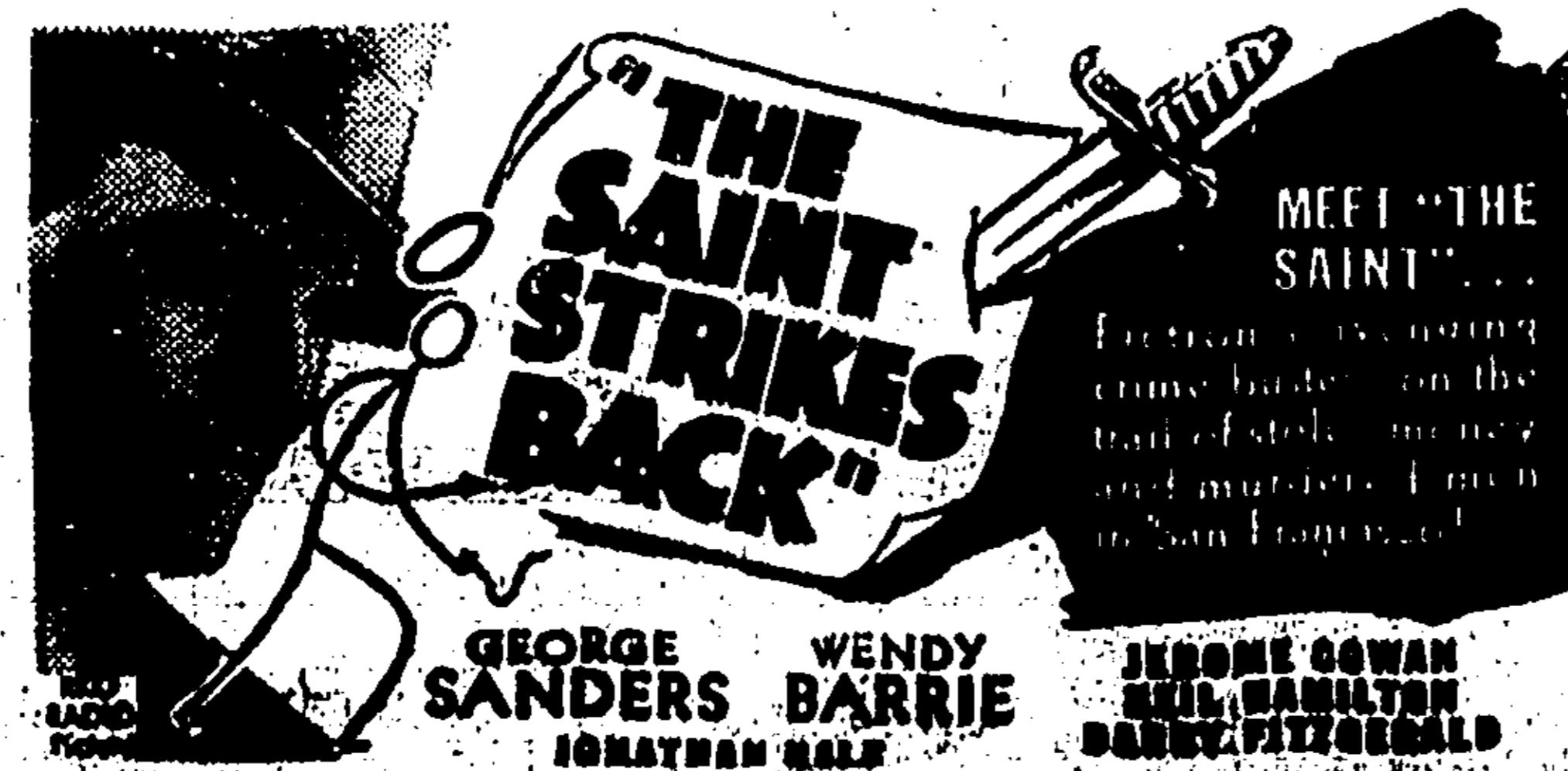
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EXHIBITION**

No less than 28 exhibitors' works were hung in St. John's Cathedral hall for the Hong Kong Art Club's 1939 exhibition, which closed yesterday evening, and those who visited the exhibition must have come away, as your critic did, with the firm impression that no matter how inert this Colony is in other fields of art—architecture and music, for example—it has a thriving art colony which at its best compares extremely favourably with similar centres in other parts of the world.

Oil paintings and water colours, naturally, made up the major portion of the exhibition, but pen-and-ink drawings, pastels, sculptures, wood cuts, temperas, gouaches, charcoal sketches and even a few photographs were also represented.

Some of the exhibits attained a very high standard. Among those that caught the eye were Smirnoff's "Clouds: Hong Kong Harbour"; Ng Koo Hung's water colours; George Arnold's pen and wash "Shaukiwan"; and George Chan's sculpture, unfinished, of His Excellency the Governor.

But there were also a proportion of the exhibits that should never have left the artists' studio save in a garbage can. But—no names! for in each case the other works of the same artists showed that these were just unfortunate exceptions that should not have got past the Hanging Committee.

There are also a few nudes, and here one seems to be on safe ground when one says that Hong Kong artists do not shine at painting in the altogether. They seem to be somewhat embarrassed or something, but anyway, their nudes all look as if the models were hurriedly posed and the painting dashed off quickly. Typical of these, to my mind, is Lee Byng's "Nude, No. 161," in which the pose is strained and unfortunate.

## WATER COLOURS

The moderns were well represented, at their forefront being Erne Freedlander and Isabel Balean. Erne Freedlander's work is representative of an important modern German school (one of those the house painter Adolf Hitler disapproves of, so they must be all right), while Isabel Balean reminds one rather of Christo-

**THOREZ  
SENTENCED**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Arras, To-day.

A French military court has sentenced the well-known French Communist Leader, Deputy Marcel Thorez, to six years' imprisonment, together with the confiscation of all his property, for desertion.

Thorez disappeared at the outbreak of the war.—Havas.

pher Wood. Both still seem to be in the experimental stage.

The history of painting in both China and Britain has been curiously similar in one respect, in that in the field of water colour they stand second to none, despite the close rivalry of one or two present-day Japanese artists. And, as might be expected therefore, the water colours in Hong Kong's exhibition take pride of place.

It would be invidious to single out more than one name for special mention. And the name chosen by this critic (others may have different views) is that of Ng Koo Hung, who displays astonishing technique combined with feeling for colour and emotional content. His water colours are the sort that can be hung on a wall and looked at every day with increased enjoyment—which, according to some schools of thought, is the supreme test.

It is a pity the exhibition only lasted for two days. Hong Kong does not have an art museum, and opportunities for comparing the works of different artists and types of painting are few and far between. One really needed a week to go through the exhibition properly. —A.E.G.

**XMAS FUND**

London, To-day.

Mr. Herbert Morrison announced yesterday that the London County Council has decided to give £5,000 towards a Xmas fund to give children in the reception areas a good time.

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# KIDNAPPED TO ATTEND WANG'S C.E.C. MEETING

**INTERESTING REVELATIONS** concerning what is alleged to have occurred at the so-called "Sixth Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang" held at Shanghai on August 29, under the chairmanship of Wang Ching-wei, are made by Mr. Lo Ching-tao, a member of the C.E.C.

Mr. Lo says he was kidnapped by Wang Ching-wei's followers and compelled to attend the session as a member of the Presidium, but he escaped after the meeting to Hong Kong, from where he flew to Chungking.

Speaking at a press conference yesterday, Mr. Lo stated that Chu Ming-yi called upon him on the morning of August 29 inviting him to lunch.

There was, however, no meal.

Instead, he was driven by car to the home of General Chen Tiaoyuan, in the French Concession near Jessfield Park, where he was taken into a room to meet Wang Ching-wei, Chao Fu-hai, Mei Sze-ping and Pu Tung.

Wang, according to Lo Ching-tao, requested him to attend the "sixth plenary session of the C.E.C."

After explaining that Japan had agreed to recognise the new National Government and the Central Kuomintang to be formed, the Kuomintang flag and the "Three Peoples' Principles," Wang is alleged to have requested Lo to be responsible for Mongolian and Tibetan affairs in the new government.

After this, they were taken downstairs to a large hall where the meeting was held.

#### SEVEN MEMBERS

Lo declared that Wang Ching-wei proposed seven members for the presidium, namely, Wang Ching-wei, Yang Kwei-ji, Chiao Ying, Chao Fu-hai, Mei Sze-ping and himself.

Wang also proposed to increase the members of the Central Executive Committee to 260, adding 100 new members.

The names of these new members were read out by Wang, who is alleged to have justified this unusual procedure of appointing new C.E.C. members instead of election by mentioning a similar procedure once adopted by Sun Yat-sen.

Wang, however, (Lo proceeded), only appointed 80 new members, reserving the other 20 for later appointment. None of the 80 was known to Lo Ching-tao.

#### DOCUMENTS DESTROYED

All documents and the agenda of the meeting were destroyed by fire before the delegates dispersed, "for safety of the members of the delegation."

Lo said that Wang also informed him that Yang Kwei-ji was a retired military man who was establishing contacts with Chinese military leaders, that Chiao Ying was responsible for contacting Party delegates in North China, while Chao Fu-hai and Mei Sze-ping were instrumental in completing negotiations for peace with the Japanese authorities.

#### LORRY TRANSPORT

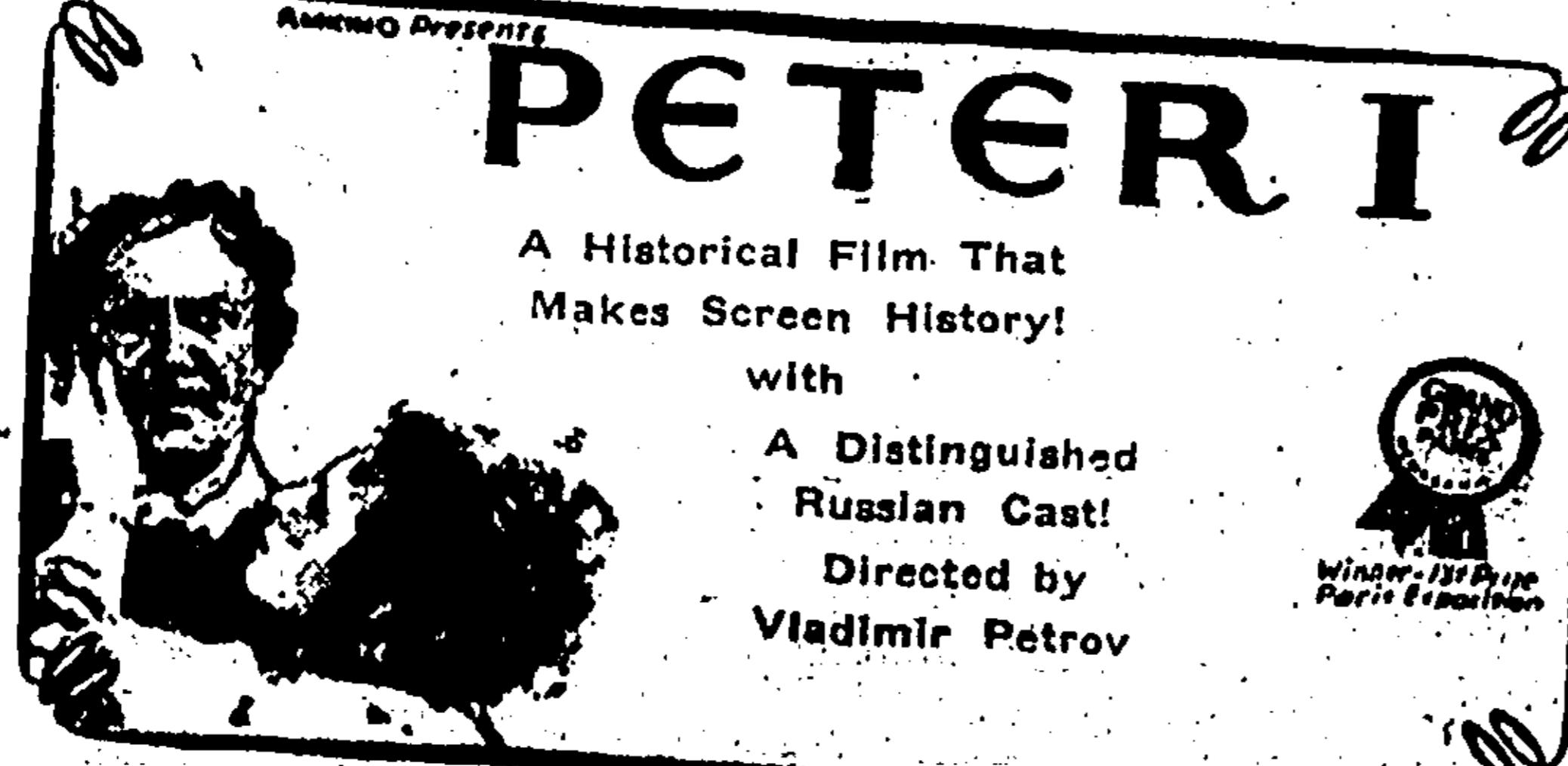
Wang was elected "chairman" of the Central Kuomintang and the entire session lasted only five hours, after which the delegates were carted away in lorries.

Lo added that he was urged to stay at the residence of a member, but he declined.—Reuter.

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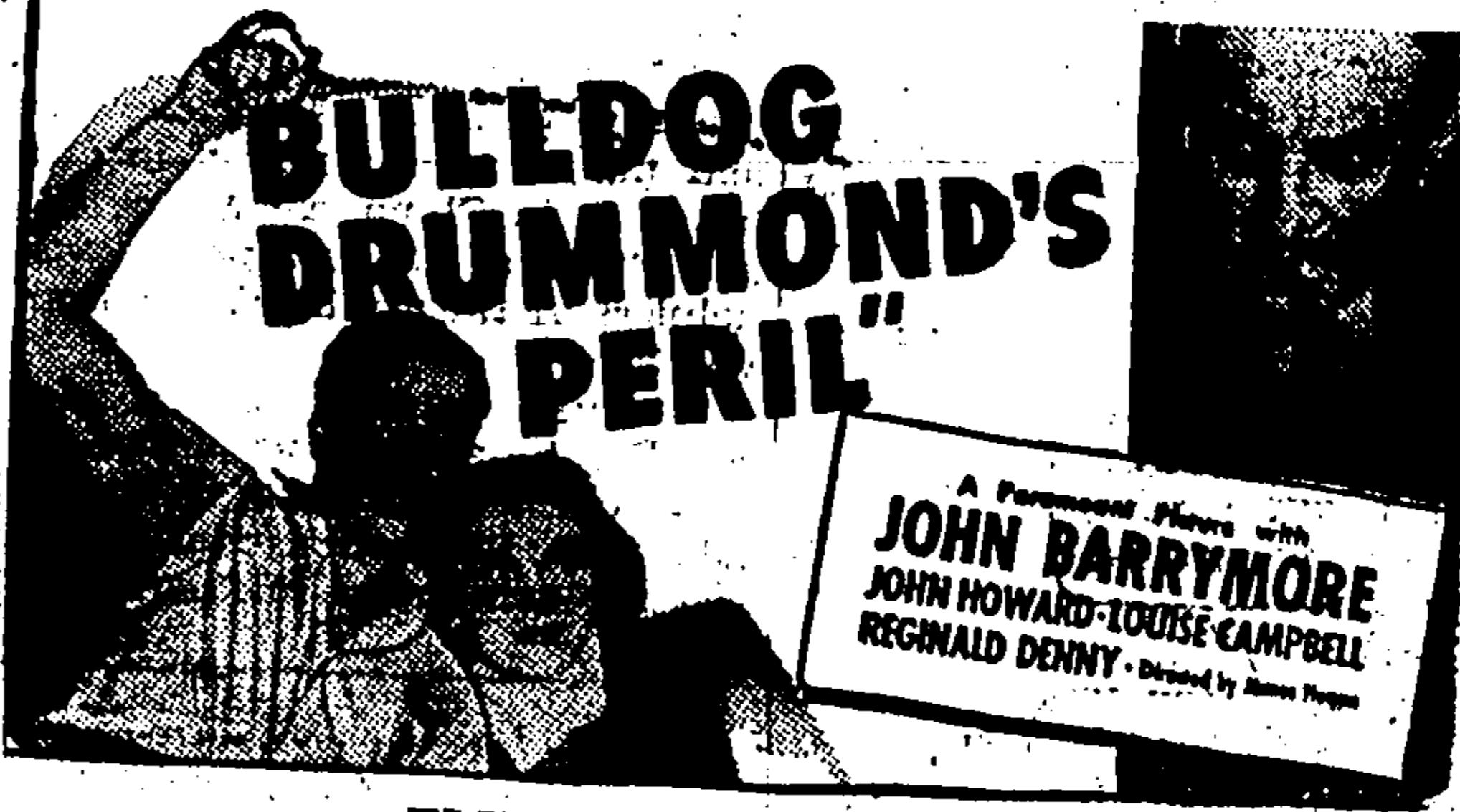
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# TOTAL SHIPPING LOSSES SINCE OUTBREAK OF WAR LESS THAN IN 1917 MONTH

**THE GROSS EXAGGERATION** contained in the German broadcasts of the recent British losses in merchant shipping, is revealed in figures now published by the Admiralty.

These official figures show that these losses during the week ended at midnight on November 25 were a total of 11 ships and a tonnage of 25,787.

**Total losses since the beginning of the war up to the same date are: British, 78 ships, 288,169 tons; French, 10 ships, 51,150 tons; neutral, 43 ships, 144,592 tons.**

These figures make an interesting comparison with those of April 1917, the worst month of the submarine war, in which month alone 196 British vessels, with a total tonnage aggregating 522,000, were sunk, and 430 vessels in all, with an aggregate of 852,000 tons were sunk.

It is also pointed out in London that the recent tendency of U-boat commanders to attack unprotected fishing trawlers in areas where immediate counter-action of anti-submarine forces is not to be expected gives a pretty good idea of the respect for the Royal Navy's anti-submarine devices engendered in them by practical experience.

Although only four neutral ships have been lost as a result of German action during the last week, the neutral tonnage sunk was almost as great as the British, as a result of the sinking of the large vessels, Terukuni Maru, Grazia and Sliedrecht, the news of which was received only last week. — Reuter.

## MR. KENNEDY LUNCHES WITH KING

London, To-day.  
Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the U.S. Ambassador, was the guest of the King and Queen at luncheon yesterday. He is leaving soon for the United States on holiday. — Reuter.



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London, To-day.

ADDITIONAL BODIES DISCOVERED IN THE DEBRIS HAS BROUGHT THE TOTAL DEATHS IN THE DISASTROUS FIRE AT WEST POINT ON MONDAY TO NINE.

## DEATHROLL NOW NINE

Two persons are still not accounted for.

It was revealed yesterday that one of the victims, a 35-year-old woman, was trapped in the building when she returned to rescue some of her valuable.

Several watchmen of the S.C.A. assisted the inmates to escape.

## GERMAN CRUISER CLAIM

London, To-day.  
The German wireless has been announcing in its news that a British heavy cruiser of the London class has been torpedoed and destroyed to the east of the Shetlands.

The Ministry of Information states that nothing whatever is known by the Admiralty about the German story.—Reuter.

## WILL DO HITLER MORE HARM THAN GOOD

London, To-day.

The Lord Privy Seal referred in the Commons to the new mines being used by Germans, which, he said, would be beaten as Britain was beating the U-boat campaign.

There would be losses. That was inevitable and no attempt would be made to hide them.

But, in the end, Hitler's secret weapon would do him more injury than he would ever inflict on us. "Look, therefore, wherever I will over the military position, I am sure that events are inevitably working in favour of the Allies." — British Wireless.

## VOLUNTARY BUT

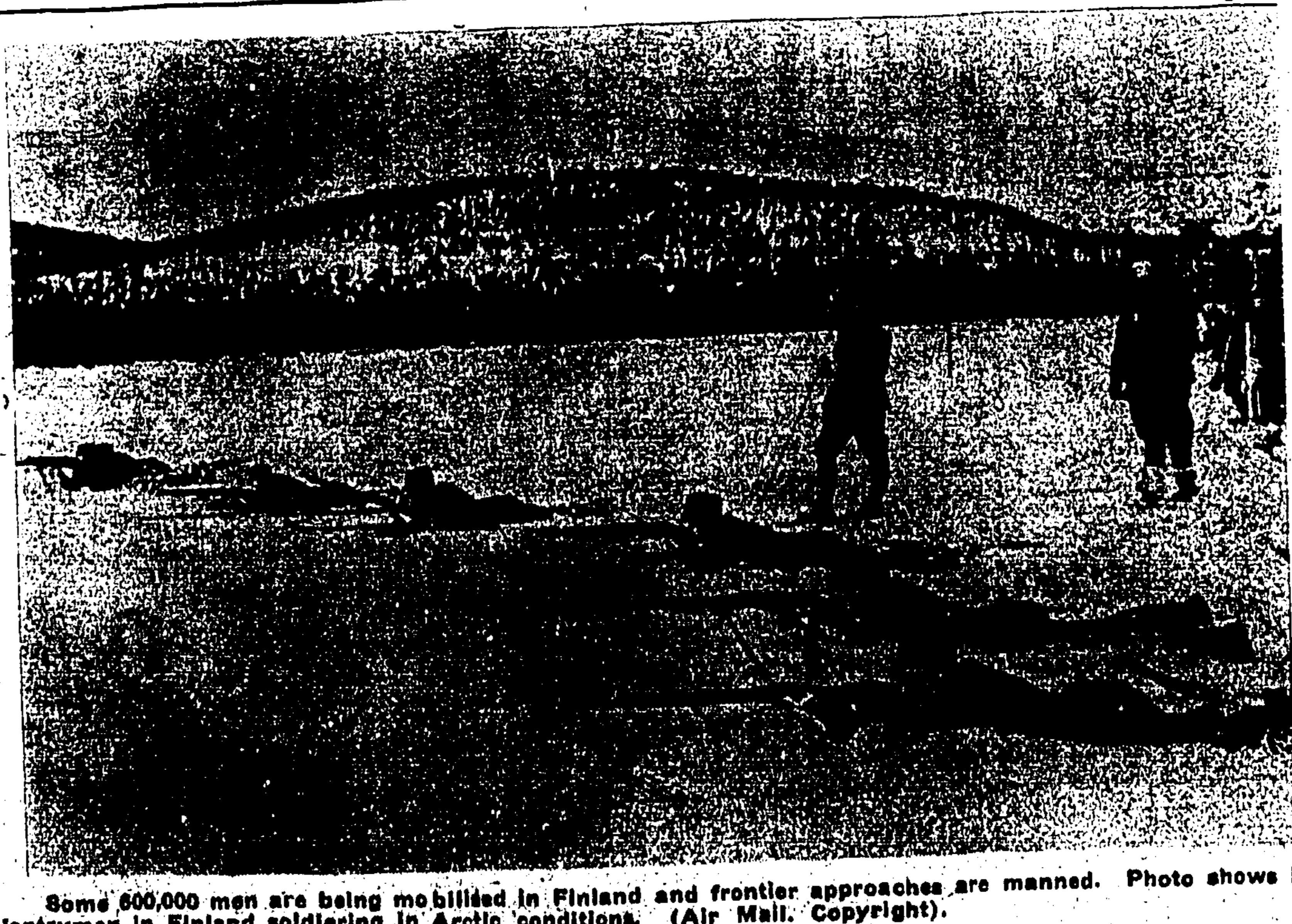
London, To-day.

It is stated in an announcement by the Ministry of Economic Warfare that vessels in the Mediterranean carrying German cargoes, inward or outward, are recommended, to facilitate speedy handling, to call at Haifa, Malta or Gibraltar.

This is purely voluntarily, but ships ignoring the Control request are liable to be diverted.—Reuter.

them and "choose the blood money of war profits."

Dr. Brown is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Mission and has been connected with Wuhu General Hospital for 20 years.—Reuter.



Some 600,000 men are being mobilised in Finland and frontier approaches are manned. Photo shows Infantrymen in Finland soldiering in Arctic conditions. (Air Mail. Copyright).

# BRITISH ORDER FOR REPRISALS PUBLISHED

**London, To-day.**  
THE REPRISALS Order-in-Council was published yesterday and authorises the restriction of German commerce as a reprisal for German breakages of international law.

The Order recites in the Preamble, the fact of numerous cases of the sinking of British, Allied and neutral merchant vessels, thus violating the Submarine Protocol, 1936, to which Germany is a party, and that such ships have also been sunk by mines laid by the German forces indiscriminately, and without notification, in contravention of the obligations of humanity and the provisions of the Hague Convention of 1907, to which Germany is a party.

Such sinkings, the Order continues, have been without regard to the nationality or the destination of vessels, or of the ownership or destination of the cargoes, and have resulted in grave loss to British, Allied and neutral non-combatant life.

"And Whereas it is manifest that the German Government have deliberately embarked on a policy of endeavouring to destroy all seaborne trade between Allied and other countries by the ruthless use of the forces at their disposal, contrary to the laws, customs and war rights of neutrals and the obligations of humanity:

"And Whereas this action on the part of the German Government gives His Majesty an unquestionable right of retaliation."

#### PROVISIONS OF ORDER

The Order provides what every merchant vessel sailing after 4th, December 1939, from an enemy port, including a port under enemy occupation or control, may be required to discharge in a British or Allied port any goods loaded at such port.

Second, every merchant vessel sailing from any other port after 4th December and carrying goods which are of enemy origin, or enemy property, may be required to discharge such goods in a British or Allied port.

It is provided that goods discharged under the Order shall be placed in the custody of the Prize Court Marshal and unless the Court orders the requisitioning, all will be detained or sold as the Court directs and the proceeds paid into Court.

On conclusion of peace, the proceeds, and any goods detained unsold, shall be dealt with as the Court considers just, provided that there may be payment out or release at any time "if it be shown to the satisfaction of the Court that the goods had become neutral property before" November 27, 1939, or there may be such payment or release with the consent of the proper officer of the Crown.

#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

According to an explanatory statement issued by the Ministry of Economic Warfare, requests to the Crown's Officer will be considered only if the goods are neutral owned and either were on a vessel clearing from the last neutral port before December 11, 1939, or, if the contract under which the goods were ordered was entered into before November 27, 1939, and the terms obliged the purchaser to take delivery of the goods on or before shipment, and provided the purchaser has paid for the goods before shipment, and the goods were on a vessel which cleared the last neutral departure port before January 1, 1940.

The Order itself further provided that the law and practice in prize shall be followed as far as applicable in cases arising under the Order.—British Wireless.

## "WHO LIKES WHO?"

Mr. Chamberlain's weekly review of the war in the House of Commons was interrupted once by an explosion of laughter.

The Premier was flaying Nazi Foreign Secretary von Ribbentrop, and quoting his statement in 1936 that the spreading of Communism was the one real danger.

Suddenly Mr. Gallacher, a Communist, called out: "He was your favourite then."

Whereupon Mr. McGovern, I.L.P. Clydesider, retorted: "He is yours now."

Whereat Mr. Gallacher was speechless with indignation and M.P.s laughed and laughed.

## GERMAN PRISONERS LANDED

**London, To-day.**  
A British auxiliary cruiser has landed 73 German prisoners, including 12 officers in natty uniforms, at a West Country port.

They are said to be survivors of a U-boat and of three German cargo ships scuttled when challenged by the Royal Navy.

They had been on board the cruiser for some weeks.—Reuter.

## GERMANS SEIZE SHIP LYING OFF STOCKHOLM

**Stockholm, To-day.**  
It is reported that the Danish s.s. Cyril has been seized by a German warship while she was waiting off Stockholm for a pilot. She was carrying a cargo of coal from Britain for the Stockholm Electricity Works.—Reuter.

By Ed Reed



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## DEATH OF YOUNG VOLUNTEER

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT WE HAVE TO ANNOUNCE THE DEATH OF A POPULAR AND ESTEEMED MEMBER OF A WELL-KNOWN PORTUGUESE FAMILY, MR. CARLOS NOLASCO DA SILVA, WHICH OCCURRED IN HOSPITAL THIS MORNING FOLLOWING AN ILLNESS CONTRACTED AT THE FIRST VOLUNTEER CAMP AT FANLING.

It will be recalled that Mr. Silva collapsed whilst waiting to appear before a superior officer for a small breach of camp discipline, and it is believed that apprehension and consequent mental distress did much to aggravate a bad attack of sunstroke from which he was later found to be suffering.

Mr. da Silva, who was only 22 years of age, was the youngest son of Mr. P. M. N. da Silva, the well-known Hong Kong broker, and was a prominent figure in local sport.

#### KEEN SPORTSMAN

He was a swimming Interporter and one of the most promising badminton players in the Colony. He has been closely connected with the latter game with Victoria Recreation Club for whom he turned out regularly since the entry of that club to the Badminton League. Last season he played for Recreio but was once again to play for V.R.C. this year.

In the Volunteers he was a member of No. 5 Machine Gun Company with which unit he went to camp.

In addition to his father and mother who are both in Hong Kong, he leaves five brothers and three sisters to mourn his loss.

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# R.A.F. RAID ON NAZI SEAPLANE BASE AT BORKUM

**LONDON, To-day.**  
BRIEF DETAILS OF A raid by British aircraft on the German seaplane base on Borkum Island at the entrance to the estuary of the River Ems, are given in an Air Ministry communiqué issued last night.

The base is used as the striking off point for German machines which have been active in the Shetland, Firth of Forth and North Sea areas generally.

## FAMOUS ARTISTES GIVING SHOW

A SPECIAL CONCERT WILL BE GIVEN AT THE HONG KONG HOTEL AT 9.30 P.M. ON SATURDAY BY CAROLA GOYA, SPANISH DANCER EXTRAORDINARY, AND BEATRICE BURFORD, HARPIST. EMILIO OSTA WILL BE AT THE PIANO.

Hong Kong has a shipping schedule to thank for this performance, the only one which will be given in the Far East. The artistes are returning from a successful visit to the Union of South Africa and are bound for the East Coast of the United States to open their winter season.

But the next ship out of Hong Kong does not sail for a week, and so, at the suggestion of Hong Kong's premier "showman," Mr. Victor Hugo, they are to give a performance on Saturday night.

The artistes are under contract to Columbia Concerts Corporation of New York. This year, Columbia Artists', for the first time, sent a number of artists to South Africa, including Rose Bampton, of the Metropolitan Opera.

Goya, Burford and Osta were the last to visit South Africa and when the war broke out they decided to return to America via the Far East rather than risk torpedoing in the Atlantic!

This is Carola Goya's eighth concert season, and she has appeared with the symphony orchestras of Washington, Toronto and Chicago, as

The British planes swooped low and machine-gunned three German seaplanes resting on the water and bombed the shore establishment.

Heavy anti-aircraft fire greeted the British craft, but they pressed home their attack and returned safely without losses.

Other machines made a further successful reconnaissance flight over North-West Germany.

A German statement, admitting the British raid on Borkum Island, claims that the British machines were driven off by anti-aircraft fire before they could drop any bombs.

### TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE

The Air Ministry announcement reads:—"This afternoon one of our long-range fighter patrols which had been out to search for enemy mine-laying seaplanes, reconnoitred a seaplane base at Borkum and there found and attacked with machine-gun fire three of these seaplanes.

"Our fighters were engaged by heavy anti-aircraft fire to which they replied.

"All our aircraft returned safely."—Reuter.

### TAIPO FIRE

A two-storied building near the Taipo Police Station was gutted by fire at 4.30 a.m. to-day. No one was injured.

well as appeared in most of the leading cities of the world.

Beatrice Burford has had the distinction of playing her harp with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, under Leopold Stokowski. Her music is a vital part of Carola Goya's dances.

## R.A.F.'S BIG PULL OVER NAZI PLANES

**LONDON, To-day.**  
The superiority of the equipment of the Royal Air Force is compared with the German Air Force.

Our bombers are fitted with gun-turrets operated by the power of the engines and the gunner can swing the gun himself in any direction without exertion.

The Germans have no such turrets and their bombers must therefore rely on speed and evasion owing to the difficulty in holding a machine-gun steady at present speeds of aircraft. The British eight-gun fighters have proved a great success whereas the German four-gun fighters are at a disadvantage.

Tests on a captured Messerschmidt 109 proved it a bad aeroplane.—Reuter.

## RATIONING IN FORCE IN JANUARY

**LONDON, TO-DAY.**  
RATIONING OF TWO COMMODITIES WILL BE INTRODUCED AT HOME FROM JANUARY 8. THESE ARE BACON AND BUTTER, INCLUDING BOILED AND TINNED HAM.

They will be restricted to 4 ounces per head a week.

Although sugar will not be restricted, said Mr. W. S. Morrison, announcing in the House of Commons yesterday, purchasers are asked to limit their orders to one pound a head a week. — Reuter.

A parade and inspection of The Boy Scouts Association, is being held on Saturday, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Murray Parade Ground.

## FOREIGN PLANES OVER BRUSSELS

**BRUSSELS, To-day.**  
Anti-aircraft guns opened fire yesterday on several foreign aeroplanes which appeared high over Brussels at noon yesterday. After a few minutes, the planes disappeared in a westerly direction.—Reuter.

## GERMAN GOODS TO BE FROZEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

**PARIS, To-day.**  
Well-informed circles state that the embargo on German exports applies to ships which load cargo not only in Germany but also in neighbouring countries, even if—as in the case of Sweden and Norway—they do not have a common frontier with the Reich.

The control will be more efficacious than in 1915, when goods were detained only if the owners could not reship them to the port of loading.

In this case, goods were sold but the amount realized from such sales could be returned to Germany.

### "FROZEN UP"

To-day, it appears that non-perishable goods will be "frozen up" until the end of the war, although they will not be confiscated.

To-day, as in the last war, all goods containing 25 per cent of German material or work will be considered to be German.

Neutral countries will be granted all facilities for avoiding delays and adjustments will be made to respect their interests.—Havas.

## DETECTIVE "CAUGHT" BY "INFORMER"

**AN ODD POINT AROSE THIS MORNING BEFORE MR. Q. A. MACFADYEN WHEN CHAN YUEK-PING, 29, WAS CHARGED WITH OBTAINING \$5.50 FROM DETECTIVE C.581 BY FALSE PRETENCES.**

Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin, prosecuting, said the detective received a telephone call on Sunday, asking him to meet an informer at the Indian Curry Shop.

Defendant met the detective and gave him a list of names and addresses of burglars. The detective gave Chan \$5.50 for the information.

On the following day, C.581 received another call supposedly from his foki, who asked him to meet another informer at the same place.

A few minutes later, Chan telephoned C.581, who recognised that Chan's voice was very similar to that of his foki.

The information, after investigation, proved to be false.

The detective arrested Chan.

Mr. Macfadyen, pointing out that the money was voluntarily given to Chan by the detective, adjourned the case for 48 hours to enable the prosecution to obtain better legal advice.

### SPECTACLES LOST

Mrs. Costello, residing at No. 31, Humphreys Buildings, has reported the loss of a pair of spectacles between her home Buildings and the Star Ferry between 12.15 p.m. and 12.40 p.m. on Monday.



Dominion Ministers who took part in the Empire's War Conference visited one of England's military commands. Photo shows—The Hon. F. Fraser (New Zealand) handling an anti-tank rifle during the visit. (Air Mail. Copyright).

# Fight At Sea Being Waged In Deadly Earnest

## PRIME MINISTER'S SURVEY OF THE SITUATION: TRIBUTE TO "RAWALPINDI"

**MR. CHAMBERLAIN** was loudly cheered on rising in the House of Commons yesterday for his first speech in the new session of Parliament.

The Prime Minister first dealt with the Parliamentary process with regard to the foreshadowed establishment of a select committee on national expenditure and said that under present circumstances deliberation would be confined to matters necessary for the effective prosecution of the war.

**The war as it was now being conducted had been described as a siege war and as far as land operations were concerned that was an appropriate term but on the sea the fight was being waged in deadly earnest.**

Nobody, he said, could read the account of the heroic action of the naval reservists and pensioners who manned the Rawalpindi against overwhelming odds without deep emotion.

These men must have known as soon as they sighted the enemy that there was no chance for them but they had no thought of surrender and they fought their guns until they could fight no more and then went to their deaths, thereby carrying on the great traditions of the Royal Navy.

### TWO-WAY BLOCKADE

Regarding the order-in-council placing an embargo on German exports, Mr. Chamberlain recognised that inconvenience and perhaps loss would be inflicted on neutrals but these measures for helping to bring our effort to a successful conclusion may be well worth some sacrifice on the part of neutrals.

We intend to do our best for the cause with the least possible injury to neutrals consistent with our purpose of stopping German exports.

The date, December 4, was purposefully fixed in order to give them ample time to make preparations.

### LABOUR AIMS

Mr. Chamberlain referred to the recent speech of Major Attlee, the leader of the Labour Opposition, who had said that Imperialism must be abandoned but did not say what country he had in mind as practising Imperialism to-day.

If Imperialism means the assertion of racial superiority, suppression of the political and economic life of other peoples, exploitation of the resources of other countries for the benefit of the Imperialist country, then I say that these are not characteristic of this country but are characteristic of the present administration of Germany.

Whatever may have been the case in the past we have no thought of treating the British Empire on the lines that I have described.

### ACCEPTED DOGMA

For years it has been the accepted dogma that the administration of the Colonial Empire is a trust which has to be conducted primarily in the interests of the country concerned.

We have already undertaken to give free access to the markets of materials from many of our most important colonies.

The League of Nations as an instrument for preserving peace has been a failure but its work in other directions has invaluable scope which is not sufficiently recognised.

Mr. Chamberlain said that he would like to see that side of the League developed and extended very considerably.

### FANCY PLANS

We are not so rigid in view that we would refuse to adapt our me-

London, To-day.

**in the House of Commons yesterday for his first speech in the new session of Parliament.**

One column is advancing directly northwards to Wuyuan and another north-eastwards to Pingyang, with the object of converging on Liuchow-fu.

Chinese reports state that bandits are acting as guides to the Japanese troops.

The Japanese progress is, however, greatly handicapped by the destruction of all highways, delaying supplies from the coast and also preventing the moving up of heavy artillery.

The city has not yet been cleared of Chinese snipers, who have accounted for a number of Japanese soldiers and officers.

### GERMANY WITHOUT ANY CODE OF HONOUR

Mr. Chamberlain said the Repairs Order-in-Council just published contained measures the Allies were compelled to take as a result of numerous indefensible acts in contravention of the pledged word, taken by an enemy government which seemed to have no code of honour and broke every convention on the flimsiest pretext if it thought it served the Nazi purpose.

The British Government was doing its best to cause the least possible injury. For example, the Order-in-Council purposely postponed the coming into effect of the measures till December 4—a fortnight after his original announcement—to give neutrals an opportunity to prepare.

Turning to events in the air, the Premier thought the House would welcome the announcement that agreement had been reached in Ottawa on the main principles and methods of the great international scheme for the training of pilots—the scheme His Majesty's Government regarded as of the utmost value and importance to British mastery in the air. —British Wireless.

## GERMAN STORY OF RAWALPINDI

Berlin, To-day.

A German communiqué on the sinking of the armed merchant cruiser Rawalpindi, sunk by the Deutschland and another ship south of Iceland, says that the naval engagement took place in the fading evening light.

The first German burst of shells found their target. Fires then broke out until the whole ship was in flames. Several detonations were heard, indicating that ammunition supplies were blowing up.

The ship sank rapidly.

All survivors seen by the German vessels were picked up. They were all Scotsmen. —Reuter.

## JAPANESE STRIKING NORTH FROM NANNING

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

Following the occupation of Nanning, the Japanese forces are reported striking in two directions, north and north-east.

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### "FIGHTING RAGING"

Kweilin, To-day. Fighting is raging in the hilly regions north and north-east of Nanning on the north bank of the Watkiang River.

According to a message from the front, several assaults by the Japanese yesterday were repulsed. —Central News.

### CHINESE STATEMENT

Chungking, To-day. Referring to the hostilities in Kwangsi, a Chinese military spokesman declared to-day that while striking back heavily, the Chinese are inducing the enemy to fall into a long corridor between mountain ranges.

The spokesman said that Nanning was evacuated by the Chinese on Sunday morning after three days' heavy fighting in the outskirts.

The spokesman claimed that the Japanese rear has been cut. —Central News.

### LOCK ROAD THEFT

Mr. W. T. Ingram, residing at No. 25, Lock Road, reports that between 10 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. yesterday a thief climbed up the drainpipe, entered the dining-room and took a rattan basket containing clothes and a fountain pen. Later, Mr. Ingram found the basket in the backyard. Some of the clothes were left behind.

## TWO GERMAN STEAMERS CAPTURED

Paris, To-day. Capture of two more German merchant vessels by the French Navy is announced in an official communiqué.

One of the vessels was of 6,000 tons and the other of 4,500 tons. They had apparently left a Spanish port in which they had sought refuge at the outbreak of war, in a desperate attempt to steal through the blockade.—Reuter.

## RAWALPINDI SURVIVORS LANDED

London, To-day.

Eleven survivors of the armed merchant cruiser Rawalpindi have now been landed in Scotland. Ten of them were in a ship's boat which was found by the s.s. Chitral. The eleventh was found clinging to an overturned boat, to which he had clung for 23 hours.

The 10 survivors were frozen and had to be hoisted on board the Chitral by means of lines over the ship's sides. —Reuter.

## N.Z. WAR SERVICES SOCIETY

London, To-day.

A New Zealand War Services Association has been formed in London to look after the welfare of all New Zealanders who arrive in Britain to serve with the Army, Navy, Air Force and other services.

It will work in conjunction with the Royal Empire Society, Y.M.C.A. and other organizations and will be mainly run by New Zealanders.—Reuter.

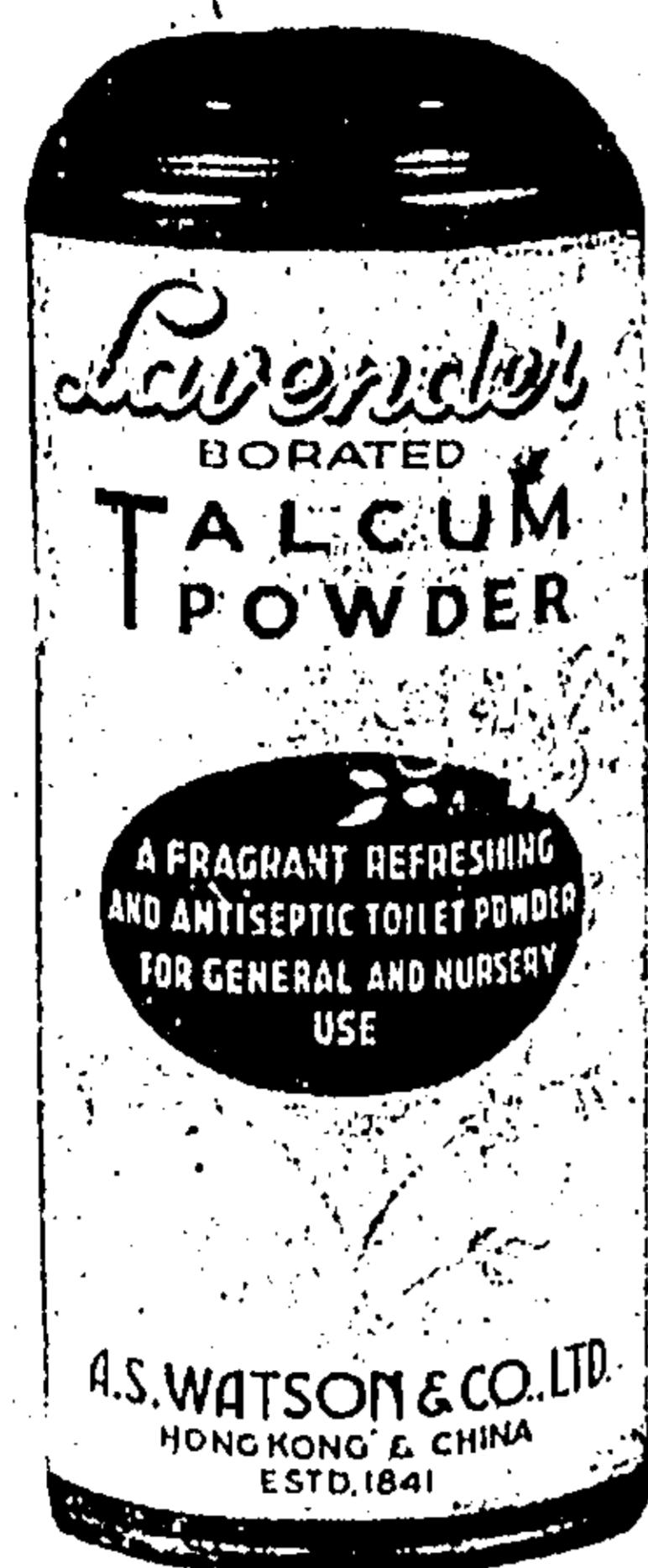
### STABBING INCIDENT

Suffering from two stab wounds in the back a 28-year-old Chinese, Lau Hung-pui, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital last night.

It is alleged that Lau was involved in a fight with another man at No. 16, Hamilton Street at 9:30 p.m. The police are searching for the alleged attacker.

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## MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

### LLOYD GEORGE PLAN

Mr. Lloyd George has reaffirmed his view that to accept Hitler's terms on this point would disgrace us. Surrender, he said, would "cover Britain and her Empire with dishonour and drench them with the contempt of the world." How then does he propose to bridge the gulf between what Hitler demands and what he himself thinks tolerable? The second question concerns Mr. Lloyd George's idea of a conference. He says "there is still time to revive Russia's February project of a conference of the five Powers, with the addition of the United States." It is difficult to understand to what precisely Mr. Lloyd George here refers. In March of this year, in reply to overtures from us, Russia proposed a conference. But it was to be a conference to consider means of resisting German aggression. The Powers to take part in it were to be Turkey, Rumania, Poland, France, Great Britain, and Russia. That was a most sensible proposal, and its rejection by our Government was foolish, but Mr. Lloyd George contemplates a very different conference, a conference not to organise resistance to Germany but a conference to make peace and to resettle Europe. This conference is to consist of five Great Powers, one of them Germany herself, with the addition of the United States. Hitler would attend the conference with immense power at his back; he would have not only his armed machine but all the prestige of his character for unscrupulous violence and daring. What a field for bargains and intrigues! Would that conference last? Would it break down because these Great Powers could not reconcile their several ambitions? Would the United States find itself able either to enter such a conference at all or to persevere in it and use its power with effect? When the handled Europe in handed Europe in 1815 they nearly came to blows among themselves. On one occasion Great Britain and Austria made a secret alliance with France, the defeated enemy, in order to overrule Russia and Prussia. How could the rest of Europe be expected to put its liberties into the hands of such a conference? — "Manchester Guardian."

### MINORITIES

If the German and Russian governments had the confidence in each other that they ought to have as allies there should be no reason for the clearing out of the nationals of each from the territory of the other. If they both had removed their nationals from Poland there would have been no occasion for the war.

Exactly what is going on in Czechoslovakia cannot be determined because of the close limits on news allowed out, but it is apparent that the situation is serious. The trouble results from friction between two sets of nationals, those of the occupying power and those of the country occupied. The trouble here concerns the same point which the German and Russian authorities had in mind in planning the exchange of nationals in Poland. But there is one essential difference—there is no place to which to transfer the ones of which Germany would have to rid herself to have smooth sailing in the exercise of control, no place to dump the millions of Czechs who are ready to take advantage of the first opportunity to reassert their rights.

Before Czechoslovakia was taken over we heard much about the rights of the German minorities. Now the Nazi authorities would prefer that

this subject be forgotten, but we are having a demonstration of the fact that it cannot and will not be forgotten—either in Poland or in Czechoslovakia.

In Poland the Germans and the Russians may remove the danger of trouble between themselves by exchanging nationals, but that is only a small portion of the bitter minority problem.—"Manila Bulletin."

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### HUGGING THE BEAR

So many of the forecasts made by Adolf Hitler in his early writings have come to pass that it is interesting to consult his estimate then of developments which are taking place now. One such event is the announcement that Berlin will tighten its ties with Russia as one answer to the Anglo-French-Turkish pact.

This renewed activity recalls that Reichsführer Hitler, when he was writing "Mein Kampf," declared Russia could be no suitable ally for Germany and adduced these reasons:

Considered purely militarily, in the event of a German-Russian war against Western Europe, which would probably, however, mean against the entire rest of the world, the relations would be simply catastrophic. The struggle would proceed not on Russian but on German soil, without Germany being able to get from Russia even the slightest effective support.

Situations are somewhat changed now. The Reichsführer's Westwall makes him possibly less concerned about what may happen to the industrial heart of Germany. But the opinion of outside experts tends to confirm his doubts in the economic sphere.

A tabulation by the United States Department of Commerce shows that German imports from Russia of such critically needed commodities as petroleum products and animal or vegetable oils and fats have fallen off in the last five years to less than a fourth of what they were. It may be that these and some other imports can be increased, but a great deal will depend upon what the Soviet Union wishes to give up. With its own huge mechanised army in motion, it obviously will not have a great surplus of gasoline and lubricants.

And can the German Reich expect military aid from its new friend on the north when Comrade Stalin is employing his army on his own missions?—"Christian Science Monitor."

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### THREE QUESTIONS

Whether Germany wins this war depends upon three unanswered questions:

1. The capacity of the German air force to destroy the British fleet or merchant marine.

2. The capacity of Germany to organise enough raw materials in Central Europe and Russia to escape the effects of the British blockade.

3. The respective nerves of the Allies versus the Germans. If Allied morale can stand up longer than German morale, Britain and France have a good chance of winning. But even if they succeed in their object to overthrow Hitlerism, there is a danger that Germany will turn to Communism as the alternative.

Although Hitler rose to power on an anti-Communist platform, his diplomacy has brought the Russian danger to the heart of Europe much closer than ever before. One of the questions of the future is whether the German middle class, taking the Communism danger seriously, will overthrow Hitler before the war lasts very long.—"Washington Post."

# HIGHLY CRITICAL SITUATION THREATENS

## FURTHER PROVOCATION BY FINLAND ALLEGED

London, To-day.

**MOSCOW YESTERDAY** afternoon, in a Note handed by M. Molotov to the Finnish Minister to Russia, denounced the Soviet-Finnish Treaty of Non-Aggression.

Simultaneously, reports were broadcast throughout Russia of further alleged frontier incidents in which Finnish troops were guilty of grave provocation. The Moscow Radio alleged that Finnish troops attempted to cross the Soviet border and that their artillery had again shelled Soviet territory. The report referred to a clash in which three Finnish soldiers are alleged to have been killed and two taken prisoner.

**It is now patently clear that the situation has become highly critical and although the Finnish Foreign Office continues to make statements expressing a hope that a peaceful solution will be possible, there is little disposition elsewhere to view the position as other than extremely grave.**

All day yesterday, Soviet planes in large numbers were flying along the Finnish frontier and they penetrated frequently many miles into Finnish territory.

They were not fired upon by Finnish A.A. guns because specific instructions have been given to all units in the frontier zone that on no account is any measure to be taken that can be exploited by the Soviet as provocation.

A meeting of the Finnish Cabinet was called as soon as the Minister in Moscow had communicated the text of the Russian Note.

### STUNNING BLOW

Denunciation of the Non-Aggression Pact was received as a stunning blow, and together with the information of large concentrations of the Army mechanised units and air force in the Leningrad zone, has left the Finnish people with few doubts as to the Russian intentions.

One of the first acts of the Cabinet was to issue instructions for the mobilisation of all Finland's fighting forces, totalling some 600,000 men.

The alleged frontier incidents reported in Moscow are categorically denied in an official statement.

From Moscow, it is reported that instructions have been given to Red Army commanders on the Finnish frontier to answer "any further Finnish provocation." — Reuter.

### SOVIET NOTE

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet Government reply to the Finnish suggestion that their respective troops withdraw from the border equal distances, asserts that the Finnish Government has systematically broken the non-aggression pact between the two countries.

The Finnish denial of the act of aggression alleged by Moscow is only explicable by a desire to mislead public opinion.

The Finnish refusal to withdraw her troops from the frontier proves the desire of the Finnish Government to keep Leningrad under immediate threat of its army.

The Finnish Government has committed a hostile act against the Soviet in concentrating the majority of its troops opposite Leningrad, which the presence of Finnish troops directly threatens.

Soviet troops do not constitute a menace to Finland. It would be absurd to withdraw Soviet troops

fifteen miles from the frontier as this would place them beyond the suburbs of Leningrad.—Reuter.

### SOVIET PRESS IGNORES FINNISH NOTE

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet press contains no mention of the Finnish reply to the Soviet note, denying that Finnish shells were responsible for the death and wounding of several Soviet soldiers, and continues to fill up its space with reports of protest meetings of Soviet papers.

It is evident that the Finnish denial is disbelieved or disregarded in Moscow.

Soviet troops have been ordered to fire back in future.—Reuter.

### GERMANY'S INVIDIOUS SITUATION

Berlin, To-day.

Although the Nazi Government is practically supporting Soviet Russia in its pressure on Finland, there are signs that the German people are sympathetic towards Finland's case.—Reuter.

## GERMANY'S LOSS OF MORALE

London, To-day.

Speaking before the Chelsea Conservative Association, Sir Samuel Hoare, Lord Privy Council, said that in the early days of the war the Nazi Government felt that the agreement with Soviet Russia gave them the balance of power.

This had not been the case, and as a result there had been endless discussions at Nazi supreme headquarters, rumours of wrangling, outbreaks in Czechoslovakia and Austria and misgivings in Germany itself.

It could not be definitely said that German morale was likely to break. But the past 12 weeks had left Hitler weaker and enabled the Allies to strengthen their position.

The knock-out blow cannot now be delivered.—Reuter.

## NEW WORLD OF FREEDOM MUST COME

London, To-day.

In a broadcast on Monday night, Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Labour leader, said that when peace is made, a new world of freedom must be built.

The Nazi regime was an evil thing which must dominate or die. If the Nazi regime won, the free rights of man and everything for which man had struggled would be crushed under Hitler's gauleiters.

There was need for a re-statement of the fundamental rights of mankind. A peace should ensure that these rights covered the greatest possible part of the globe.

It was up to Britain to give mankind the lead for which it had waited so long.—Reuter.

## GERMANS USE SMOKE SHELLS

Paris, To-day.

German troops on the Western Front used smoke shells in an attack east of the Moselle. The attack failed, after the Germans had got within a few yards of the Maginot Line fortifications.

Following a preliminary bombardment by heavy artillery, the Germans attacked under the cover of smoke shells fired by light artillery.

The French drove them back in a rout, using machine-guns, artillery, hand grenades and even pistols.

French losses were light and some German prisoners were taken.—Reuter.

## FINNISH OFFICER GIVES THE FACTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

A statement by Marshal Mannerheim, chairman of the Supreme Defence Council of Finland, formally denies the Soviet allegation of a frontier incident last Sunday.

Marshal Mannerheim, who was on holiday in the Karelian Isthmus at the time when the alleged incident "occurred," said:

"Our longest range battery near the border is a field battery situated about 20 kilometres from the border."

"Our heavy artillery is about 50 kilometres from Soviet territory."

"Furthermore, our frontier elements gathered that afternoon to attend an open-air religious services." — Havas.

## U.S. CONDEMNS SOVIET ACTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

Pointing out that the Soviet procedure is identical with Germany's, the "New York Times" severely criticizes the Soviet's attitude towards Finland.

"Nazi methods are contagious and their success means that all Powers nourishing ambitions are adopting them."

This is a fundamental point of the present war, the paper goes on, for it is clear that if little States can be intimidated by larger States using such methods, Europe will be in a perpetual state of war. — Havas.



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**"SORDID STORY"****ACCUSED OF MURDER  
OF DAUGHTER-IN-LAW**

CHARGED WITH THE MURDER of his daughter-in-law, Ip Kui, aged 45, appeared before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Sessions this morning.

The Crown case was conducted by Mr. M. J. Abbott, while defendant was represented by Mr. T. F. Lo, instructed by Mr. F. Nash.

The following jury was empanelled: — Messrs. A. Gascon (foreman), Cheong Jak-fun, Yu Chik-yin, Wong Chan-kwen, Shui-ling, S. Bux and H. S. Law.

Mr. Abbott said the facts revealed a sordid story of a family squabble over money matters. It was necessary to go back to some three years ago, when Ip Man, son of accused, took premises at No. 79, First Street where he lived with his wife, his father and mother-in-law. The couple occupied the rear cubicle until September, 1938, when Ip Man removed to Graham Street with his wife and mother-in-law in order to be nearer his work. Accused remained at No. 79, First Street.

Accused got into arrears with his rent and the landlord was threatening to take proceedings.

The dead woman borrowed money and paid the rent and also had the electric supply, which had been discontinued owing to non-payment, restored. Deceased, her husband and mother then returned to First Street.

**ACCUSED AIDED**

Deceased assisted accused with money and, in August, removed to Des Voeux Road West to open a heroin and opium divan. Deceased gave him some money for supplies, and \$20 for him to take over the furniture.

On October 20, accused went to First Street and quarrelled with the woman. The husband was not there but there were others on the floor. A fight developed, in which accused used a Chinese pillow and deceased took a broom to defend herself. The quarrel arose because accused wanted money to redeem clothing and was told there was none. The two were separated and accused left.

At 6 p.m. that evening, accused returned and started to roll the bed mats in the rear cubicle. He told deceased he was going to sell them to get money to redeem his clothing. He then went to the front cubicle and began dismantling the bed. The bed was the marriage bed of deceased. He said it was his and was going to sell it.

She sent an amah for her husband, who also protested. An argument followed and there was a struggle between father and son. The inmates intervened, and the prisoner proceeded to go downstairs. Ip Man hit him two or three times as he was doing so.

**FATHER RETURNS**

The son went to his cubicle and when he returned found his wife standing in the passage. She asked him not to fight with his father. He then saw that his father had returned and was facing them both.

The case for the Crown was that

prisoner struck the blow from which the deceased died.

It was not known when the blow was struck during the struggle.

Immediately on being struck, deceased shouted that her intestines were coming out. The neighbours intervened and found a knife.

The mother-in-law immediately went to the Police station, as did the accused, who stated that he had stabbed his daughter-in-law.

Later, when charged, he said that he wanted money to redeem his clothing. He was struck 10 or 12 blows. He had taken his own knife with him.

The woman was taken to hospital, bleeding badly and though an operation was performed she died next morning.

Ip Man, the son, had a cut over his right eye and stayed some time in hospital.

**IMPORTANT POINTS**

Accused, in the lower court, had said he held the knife in his left hand and had made a downward motion to cause the wound, but said Mr. Abbott, it would be shown that the motion was upward.

There were two important points in the case. In his statement, accused said he was not the equal of the other and had to be prepared. The knife, when found by the police, appeared to have been recently sharpened.

The essential feature of the case was that deceased and her husband had maintained accused, but not satisfied with that he wanted still more. They were not able to give him more. The last quarrel could be divided into two parts, that when Ip Man hit his father and the other when the woman received fatal blow which resulted in accused giving himself up.

The case is continuing.

**CHIEF OFFICER SUMMONED**

C. B. SKINNER, CHIEF OFFICER OF THE S.S. THERESE MOLLER, WAS SUMMONED AT THE MARINE COURT THIS MORNING, FOR ALLEGED DESERTION OF HIS SHIP ON NOVEMBER 18 IN SHANGHAI.

The summons was taken out by the master, Captain J. M. Byrne.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, for the defence, pleaded not guilty, and asked for an adjournment. He stated that he was only instructed in the case this morning and had had no time to go into it.

The case was adjourned until 2.30 p.m.

By George McManus

## SKIPPER'S SWIM WITH NAZI MINE

People living near the sea wall of an East Coast town are talking with gratitude of the bravery of Mr. Leopold Romyn, a 35-year-old trawler skipper, who waded into the sea early one day and brought ashore an enemy mine.

A mine exploded on striking the sea wall and damaged a number of houses including that occupied by Skipper Romyn.

Later coastguards and other watchers sighted another mine drifting towards the coast.

The mine was made fast but during the night it broke from its moorings and began to drift towards the sea wall.

### 100-YARD PUSH

While it was still dark Skipper Romyn put on his thigh-boots and despite the warnings of the coastguards, waded into the sea up to his armpits.

He seized the rope which held the mine and, sometimes wading, sometimes swimming, pushed the explosive 50 yards down the beach away from the houses.

Then he dragged the mine ashore where experts made it useless by removing the detonators.

A woman whose home suffered on the previous occasion said:—"When we saw this mine being washed nearer and nearer the sea wall we left our homes, as we were all nervous after the shock of the other explosion. We all think Mr. Romyn deserves a decoration."

### REFUSED TO TALK

An official said: "There is no doubt that Mr. Romyn took his life in his hands. Mines sometimes go off at the slightest touch. He certainly prevented hundreds of pounds worth of damage."

Mr. Romyn refuses to say anything about his action.

The Admiralty has been informed of Skipper Romyn's action.

## MEMORIES OF THE MUD

An "old sweat's" memories of the Great War were revived by a photograph of a group in which he was included, used in the News Chronicle recently to illustrate Major-General A. C. Temperley's review of the week on the Western Front and headed "General Mud."

The old soldier is Mr. (formerly Private) Walter N. Bradshaw, of Sultan Street, Accrington, Lancs. He is now trying to arrange a reunion of those who served with him in the 48th Field Ambulance, 37th Division. Chief among the men he wishes to meet again, of course, are those who also appeared in the picture.

It showed the return of two stretcher parties with the wounded man, a bearer who "caught one."

"Immediately I saw the picture I recognised myself and remembered the place where it was taken — at Boesinghe on August 1, 1917—although I never knew it had been taken," he told a reporter.

### UP TO KNEES

"The headline was right. 'General Mud' it was. Many and many a time I have been with a stretcher party that had to carry a wounded man a mile in mud up to the knees.

"Often we slipped off the duckboards and finished waist deep in mud."

Another member of the stretcher party in the picture, Mr. R. Bly, of Bury, met Mr. Bradshaw again soon after the last war ended and has kept up a firm friendship.

Mr. Bradshaw, a hand block printer, is still doing ambulance work. He joined up at 18 and was in France before he was 20.

Mr. Bly is in the A.F.S.

## ALLIED PROPAGANDA IN U.S.

Mr. Herbert H. Elvin, a past-president of the Trades Union Congress, who is attending the annual convention of the American Federation of Labour as delegate of the Congress, refers in a letter from Cincinnati, Ohio, to the "intense disappointment" felt in the United States at the lack of publicity given to the case of the Allies.

The result is that all kinds of misunderstanding exists. "The great need," he says, "is more facts, and I hope that something will be done immediately to alter the present deplorable state of affairs. I am convinced that the lack of publicity has coloured largely the case of those against the repeal of the Neutrality Act."

## DEFENCE LAWS TO BE REVISED

London, To-day. Following the criticism in the Commons that certain Defence Regulations, as drawn, constituted too great an impost on civil liberty, the Home Secretary has consulted a Committee consisting of members of all political parties.

Discussions have resulted in an agreement to revise and the amended regulations as agreed upon were laid in the Commons yesterday. — British Wireless.

## ATTEMPTED FRAUD

Six months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning on Chan Ngok, 25, charged with attempting to obtain \$2.40 by false pretences.

Dec.-Sgt. J. Johnston said that at 3 p.m. yesterday, Chan with a letter purporting to be addressed to Leung Kin-ping, from Canton, called on Leung, asking for \$2.40 for carrying it from Canton. He said he came down on board the s.s. Fat Shan.

Leung knew the vessel had suspended sailing and arrested him.

## MURDER CHARGE

HUI FUK-SING, ALIAS HUI YIP-FAI, 43, COOK ON BOARD THE S.S. SEISTAN, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. R. EDWARDS THIS MORNING, WITH THE MURDER OF PUN YAU-SZE, ALIAS LI YAU-SZE.

It was alleged that defendant fatally stabbed deceased during a quarrel in Des Voeux Road Central on the night of October 30.

Defendant was formally remanded for one week.

Detective Sergeant D. G. McPherson is in charge of the case.

## SCOT PICKED UP EXTRA BUN

A private in a Scottish regiment picked up an extra bun from the table at tea-time.

For this he was sentenced to seven days' confinement to barracks.

The soldier was Private Robert James, and the regiment the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

Mr. A. Sloan, Labour M.P. for Ayr and Bute, is to ask the Secretary for War, in the House of Commons, if he will make inquiries "with a view to discouraging the imposition of punishments in similar cases."

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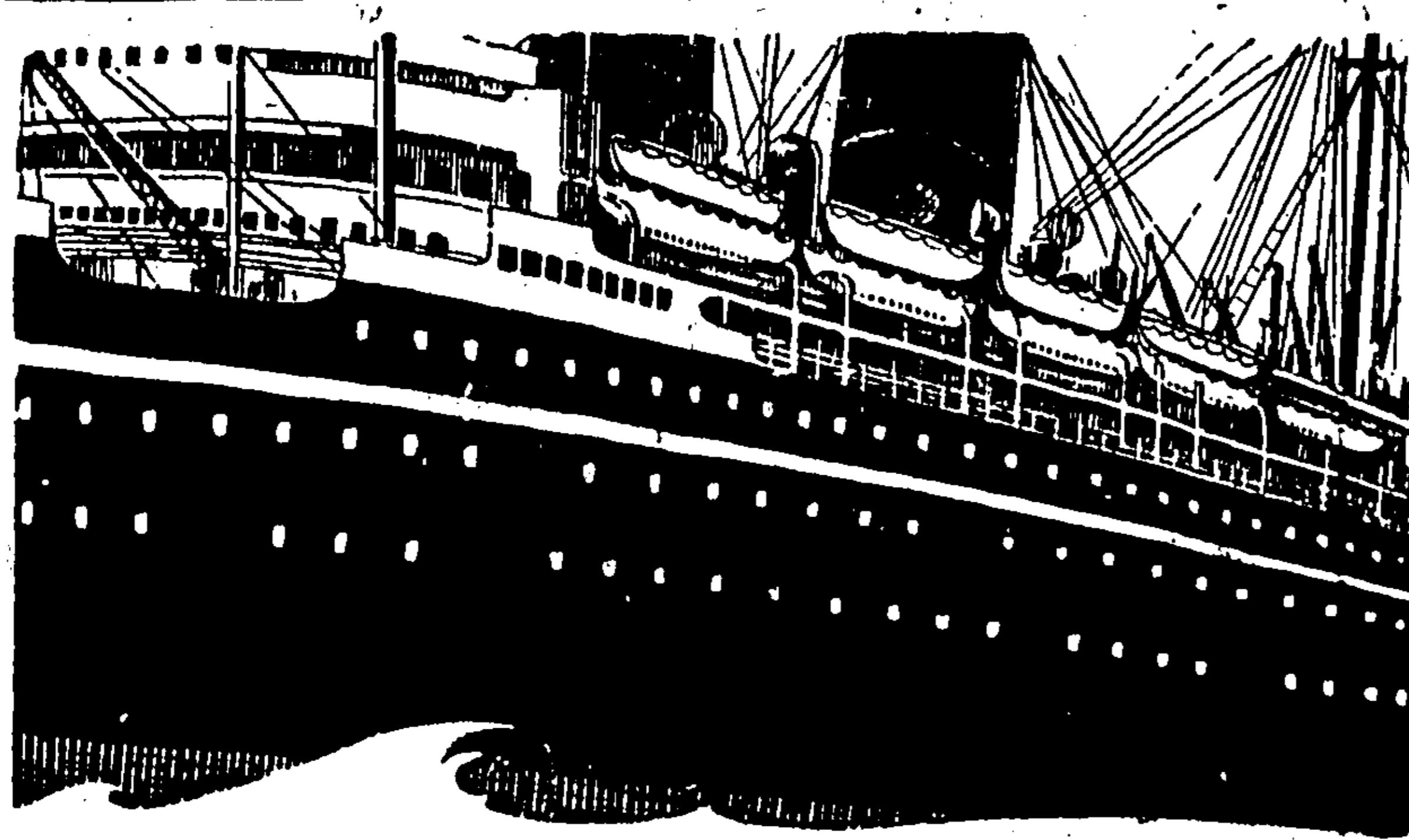
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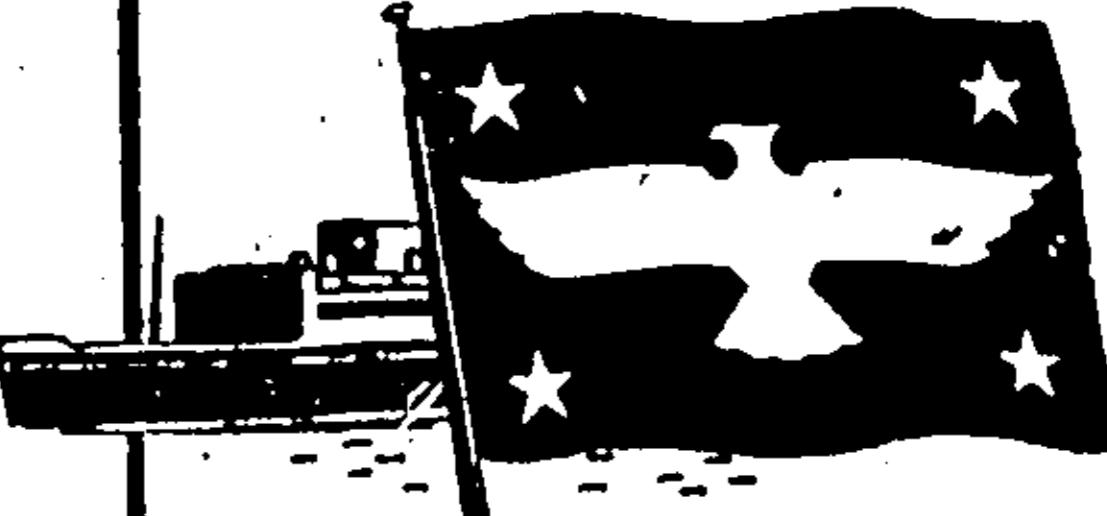
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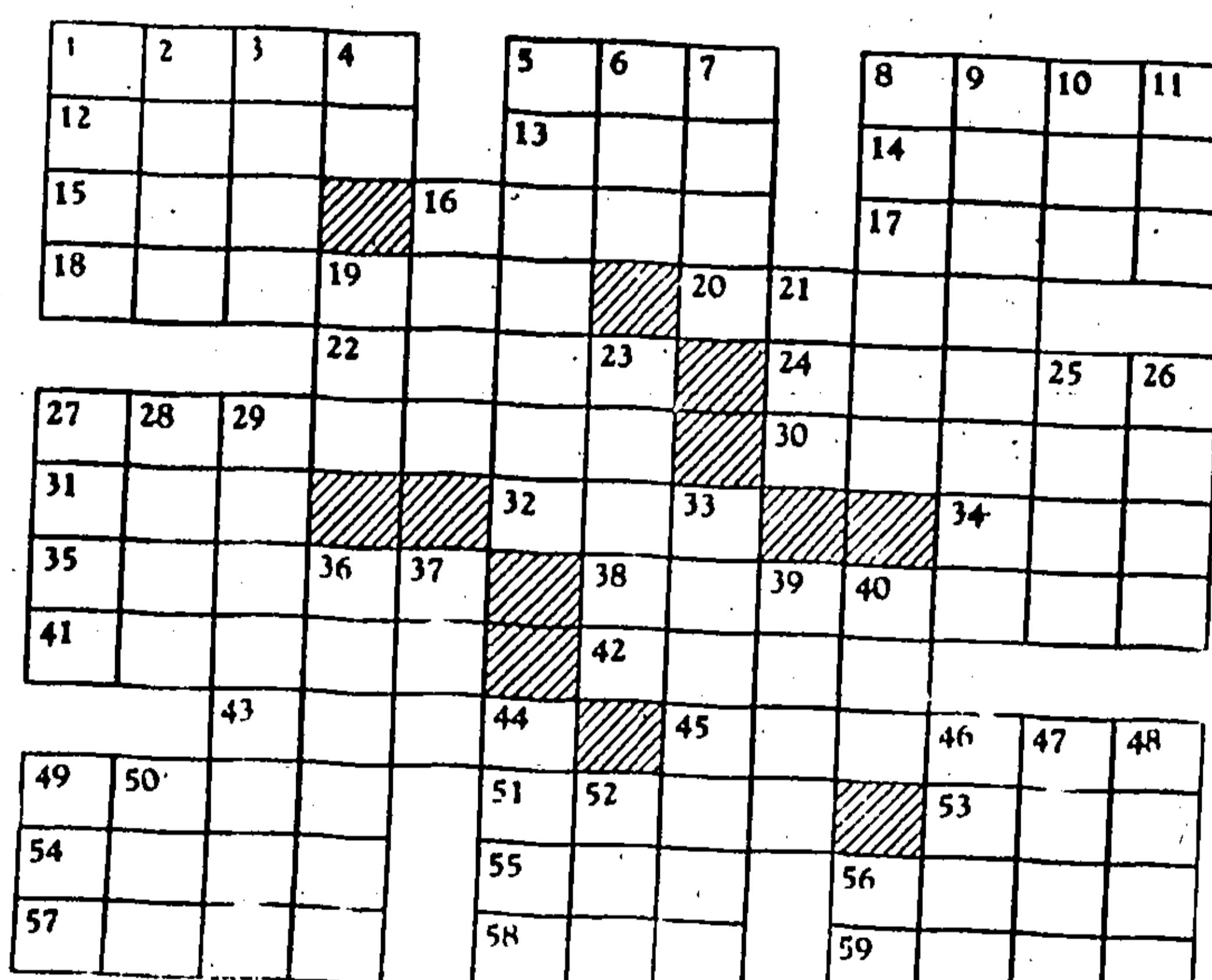
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- 20 Tax
- 22 To smooth
- 24 Palm genus
- 27 Full
- 30 Lower
- 31 Manner
- 32 Organ of the head
- 34 Prefix: three
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- 53 Constellation
- 54 Grain
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- 56 To leave out
- 57 Gambles
- 58 Emmet
- 59 Payments
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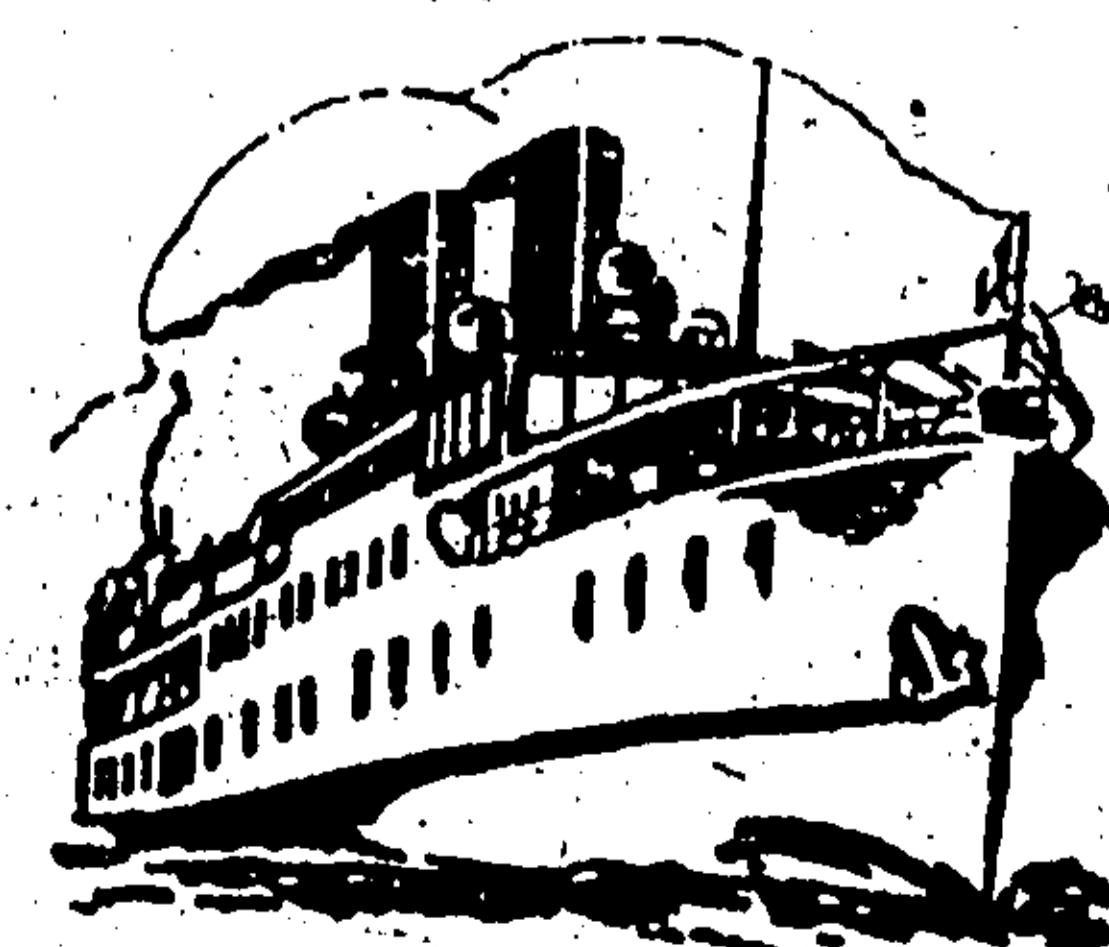
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**MALAYA TO BE ASKED FOR WAR CONTRIBUTIONS**

SPECIAL TAXATION for the purpose of making substantial contributions to the Imperial Government for war expenditure was foreshadowed by the High Commissioner for the Malay States, Sir Shenton Thomas, in his annual address at Kuala Lumpur last week to the Federal Council — the legislative body for the Federated Malay States (Perak), Selangor, Negri Sembilan and Pahang).

After mentioning the increased revenue accruing owing to the higher export quotas and higher prices for tin and rubber, His Excellency said:

"I feel sure that the Government of the Federated Malay States will not wish to profit out of the war and I feel equally confident that every right-minded person is anxious personally to assist in relieving so far as he can the fearful burden which is being carried by those at home. Taxation in Malaya is not uniform, but everywhere it is exceedingly light and it requires no sacrifice from anyone."

"Ever since the war began, the question of imposing additional taxation as a war measure has been in our minds and the reasons why no decision has yet been taken are that Malaya is a country of several separate Governments and that pressure of other war work has taken up most of our time. It is better to do these things properly than in a hurry."

**BULK FOR HOME**

"I hope, however, to be able to make certain announcements within a few days, and others before very long."

"I trust also that those Malaya Governments who decide to introduce any form of war taxation will see their way to offer the bulk if not the whole of the proceeds to the Imperial Government as a contribution to the cost of the war."

In conclusion His Excellency said:

"The question before every man to-day is not what can he do, but how much he can do, to help to win the war."

"I cannot speak personally to everyone and I ask you to ensure that what I have said is made widely known, and constantly repeated . . . I ask that every man and woman shall be made to understand that he or she has a direct, personal interest at stake and that Malaya can only be made safe by the united efforts of all."

**LOCAL DOLLAR**

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

Silver was quoted at 23-5/16 for spot and 23-7/16 forward.

The London on New York cross rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.02 and New York on London at £—U.S.\$3.92-1/4.

**CHUNGSHAN SWEEP BY TYPHOON**

MACAO, TO-DAY.  
BELATED MESSAGES JUST RECEIVED STATE THAT HUNDREDS OF VILLAGERS HAVE BEEN RENDERED DESTITUTE FOLLOWING THE GALE WHICH SWEPT THE CHUNG SHAN DISTRICT LAST THURSDAY.

Improvised huts erected by refugees who returned following the Japanese withdrawal were blown away and many other village houses were demolished.

A number were killed and many children are reported missing.

The Chung Shan authorities have appealed to charitable associations in Macao and Hong Kong for assistance in relief work.—Our Own Correspondent.

**LOCAL SHARES**

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

**BANKS**

Hong Kong Bank \$1330 b., \$1330/-  
20/40 sa.

Bank of East Asia \$71 b.

**INSURANCES**

Canton Ins. \$200 b.

H.K. Fire Ins. \$190 s.

**SHIPPING**

Douglases \$70 b.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS,  
ETC.

H.K. Docks \$18.80 b.

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**INDUSTRIALS**

Cements. \$14.60 b.

**STORES, &c.**

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Consol. Mines Ps. .0025 b.

Demonstrations Ps. .08 sa.

IXL Ps. .42 sa.

Ipo Gold Ps. 14 ½ b.

Itogons Ps. 26 ½ sa.

Masbates Ps. 10 ½ sa.

Mind. Mother Lode Ps. 08 ½ sa.

Mine Operation Ps. 09 ½ sa.

North Camines Ps. 17 ½ sa.

Paracale Gumaus Ps. 18 ½ b.

San Mauricio Ps. .84 sa.

Surigao Consol. Ps. .16 b.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. 13 ½ sa.

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## TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

**DID MARSHAL NEY ESCAPE?**

By VINCENT TOWNE  
"I protest, before God and my country, against this sentence that has condemned me. I appeal from it to man, to posterity, to God!"

The doomed prisoner then turned to the firing squad, composed of 60 veterans of his own armies:

"My brave comrades, when I place my hand upon my heart, fire! See that you take sure aim at my heart!"

Raising his hand to his bosom, he thus gave the terrible signal. There was a ragged, nervous crackling of musketry and Michel Ney, erstwhile Marshal, Duke of Elchingen, Prince of Moskva, dropped upon the ground, his face turned slightly to one side.

The dust beneath him became crimson with his life blood. The soldiers marched away. And then a squad appeared with a litter on which the corpse was borne to an adjacent hospital, there to be placed in a leaden coffin encased within a casket of oak. Early next morning it was borne to the cemetery and buried.

Such is history's account of the great hero's tragic ending. His crime had been loyalty to his old commander, Napoleon. Placed at the head of an army sent by Louis XVIII to capture the fugitive from Elba, Ney had fallen upon his knees before his former Emperor and brought him, victorious, into Paris. Then had come the surrender to the Allies. Napoleon's exile to St. Helena, Ney's own flight, his capture in a friend's castle, his trial and condemnation; his execution on December 5, 1815.

The day following the marshal's funeral, Philip Petrie, a sailor, while holystoneing the deck of a vessel bound from Bordeaux to Charleston, S. C., glanced up, and, recognizing a ruddy-faced individual, saluted respectfully. "Who do you think I am?" asked the passenger.

"My old commander, Marshal Ney," said Petrie, very politely.

"Marshal Ney was executed two days ago in Paris," replied the stranger with a scowl, and during the remainder of the voyage he remained in hiding in his cabin.

A few weeks later several French immigrants, meeting a familiar figure upon the streets of Georgetown, S. C., cried out: "Mon Dieu, le marechal Ney!" whereupon the personage thus addressed vanished like breath into the wind.

It was about this time that a mysterious stranger, calling himself Peter Ney, appeared at Chewaw, S. C., and there engaged himself to teach the school of Brownsville, nearby. Glancing at a newspaper one morning in the schoolroom, he fell in a swoon, and school had to be dismissed. That night he was observed to be burning documents, decorations and badges. Next morning he was found in bed with his throat cut, the blade of his pocket knife being broken off in the wound, which, thanks to good nursing healed. The newspaper which caused the fainting fit contained news of Napoleon's death. Later, when shown a paper, announcing the death of Napoleon's son the schoolmaster suffered another paroxysm, and proceeded to burn more manuscripts.

One morning, while at Statesville, S. C. John Snyder and Frederick Barr, veterans of the Napoleonic wars, recognized the schoolmaster as the Field Marshal of France. Synder went so far as to accost Peter Ney, and received only black looks for his pains.

The schoolmaster, while upon his deathbed, in the early winter of 1846, was pressed by his physician to clear up the mystery of his identity.

"I am Marshal Ney of France!" the Frenchman gasped with almost his dying breath. And, after his funeral, one of his intimate friends, Mr. Mary C. Dalton of Iredell County, N. C., revealed what she claimed to have been a confession made to her by Peter Ney shortly before his death. According to this story, the teacher was the great Marshal of France. Wellington had interceded and saved his life. The firing squad had been instructed to fire over his head, but not until he should



Raising His Hand To His Bosom He Thus Gave the Terrible Signal.

give the signal by pressing his hand shirt. To further these deceptions, to his heart, by which action he burst a trusted man from his own army were bag of red fluid secreted beneath his selected to fill the firing squad. At

the hospital whither he had been brought upon the litter he was that night disguised in ill-fitting clothes and started on his way to Bordeaux. There, posing as a servant carrying a valise, he embarked for Charleston.

History proves that Marshal Ney's trial and its preliminaries were conducted by secret methods. Members of the Assembly who voted for his execution did so with the understanding from the King that the death sentence was to be commuted to life in exile.

Wishing to satisfy himself as to the mystery clinging to the Ney case, Louis Napoleon, after coming to the throne, ordered the Marshal's grave opened. When searched, the inner coffin contained not a bone, not one relic of a human corpse.

Carolinians who knew Schoolmaster Ney, when shown portraits of the great Marshal of France, pronounced the likeness as precisely that of their friend. Both the teacher and the Marshal were ruddy of face. Each slept but five hours a night; each was a good fencer, a fearless horseman, a skilled mathematician and a clever performer upon the flute.

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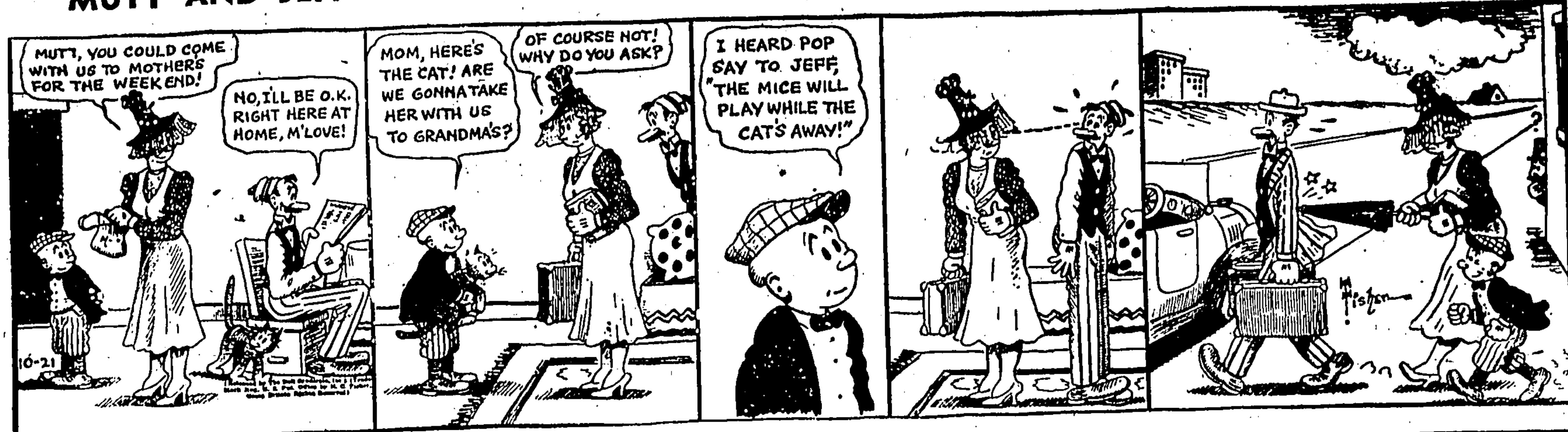
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THE CHINA MAIL, NOVEMBER 29, 1939

By BUD FISHER



Elvie Yuen And  
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From The Studio

6 p.m.—Two Compositions of Haydn.  
Quartet In E Major, Op. 54, No. 3  
...Pro Arte Quartet.  
Sonata No. 1 In E Flat....Vladimir Horowitz (Piano).

6.35 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.37 p.m.—Songs by Luigi Fort (Tenor).  
Soft Beams the Light (Serenata from "Don Pasquale"—Donizetti); Si Vous L'Aviez Compris (Denza); Ideale (Tosti) ...with Orchestral accompaniment.

6.47 p.m.—Light Orchestral.  
For You Only—Serenade (Boulangier)....George Boulangier & His Orchestra.  
I Made This Song For You ('Concert Version—Hess); Roses of Pi-

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cardy ('Concert' Version—Haydn Wood, arr. Legra)....Ray Ventura & His Collegians.  
7.00 p.m.—B.B.C. RECORDING—"A Northern Evening from Burbleton". Arranged by T. Thompson.  
7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — The News.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—STUDIO—Recital by Elvie Yuen (Soprano) and the Very Rev. Father A. Riganti (Piano).  
1. (a) Faith in Spring (Schubert); (b) Impatience (Schubert); (c)

Serenade (Schubert)....Elvie Yuen.

2. Andante from Sonata in B Flat (Mozart)....Father Riganti.

3. Three Songs by Donaudy; (i) Freschi Luoghi, Prati Aulenti; (ii) No, non mi guardate; (iii) Vaghissima Sembianza....Elvie Yuen.

4. Second Gavott (Godard) .... Father Riganti.

5. Two English Songs: (a) Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal (Roger Quilter); (b) A Brown Bird Singing (Haydn Wood).

8.35 p.m.—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

8.52 p.m.—MAX BRUCH—Kol Nidrei, Op. 47. Pau Casals ('Cello) and The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.

9.05 p.m.—STUDIO — Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—Selections from "The Dollar Princess", "The Three Musketeers", and "H.M.S. Pinafore". "Dollar Princess"—Medley (Fall) .... Nat Khilkret & His Orchestra.

"The Three Musketeers" — Vocal Gems.....Victor Light Opera Company.

"H.M.S. Pinafore"—Selection (Gilbert & Sullivan)....The B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra.

9.55 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Don't Ever Change (film "Rhythm in the Clouds"); You're A Sweetheart (from the film).... Roy Fox & His Orchestra.

Waltz—You Got The Best Of The Bargain; Fox-Trot—My Heaven In The Pines....Jack Harris & His Orchestra.

Quickstep—You're an education; Tango—My Lost Love....Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody. Fox-Trot—I'll Never Let You Cry (film "In Old Chicago"); Waltz—Tis Better To Have Loved and Lost....Billy Thorburn & His Music.

Fox-Trots — Skrontch: Something Tells Me...."Fats" Waller & His Rhythm.

Fox-Trot—Hot Toddy (film "The Big Broadcast")....Cab Calloway & His Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY — "It's That Man Again". A Variety Show with Tommy Handley and Others.

11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Matters of Moment".

11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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## A BOLD DOUBLE

We know of no one more adept at picking up profitable penalties against low contracts than Michael T. Gottlieb. That Mr. Gottlieb's doubles of contracts in the one and two zone are unusually daring is illustrated in today's hand.

West, Dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 9 7 2  
♥ J 8 3  
♦ A K J 10  
♣ 9 5 4

Mr. Gottlieb  
♠ Q 8 3  
♥ A K 6 4  
♦ 5 2  
♣ K 10 7 6

N ♠ A 10 6 5  
♥ 9 7 2  
♦ Q 9 4  
♣ Q 8 3

The bidding:  
West North East South  
1♦ 1♦ Pass 1NT  
Pass Pass Dbl. Pass  
Pass Pass

After West's opening club bid and the one-diamond overcall, many players in Mr. Gottlieb's position would bid either one spade or one notrump. However, Mr. Gottlieb makes it a practice never to make an immediate bid when his hand is of doubtful value. He therefore passed, whereupon South decided that this hand was certainly worth one notrump.

The bidding now reverted to Mr. Gottlieb, and he reasoned: "I have the spade Ace, a probable trick in diamonds and the Queen of my partner's

club bid. It therefore looks very much as though I can set one notrump; and if by some rare chance my opponent makes his contract, I have lost very little."

"Double," announced Mr. Gottlieb, whereupon every one passed and his partner opened a club. After getting in with the diamond Queen, Mr. Gottlieb returned a club and the defence eventually won three club tricks, two spade tricks, two heart tricks and a diamond trick for a gratifying 300-point penalty.

\* \* \*

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and held:

♠ K J 7 2  
♥ J 2  
♦ A Q 4 8  
♣ 10 7 4

The bidding:  
Burnstone Jacoby You Maier  
1♦ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two diamonds. Your hand is not quite strong enough for a jump raise in spades and yet too strong for a simple raise.

Score 100% for two diamonds, 70% for three spades (an overbid) 40% for two spades.

QUESTION NO. 270  
You are Oswald Jacoby's partner and hold:

♠ A x x x  
♥ K x x x  
♦ x x x  
♣ K x x

The bidding:  
Schenken Jacoby Maier You  
1♦ Pass Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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## LOCAL COUNTY LAWN BOWLS

The following are the teams for the bowls match between the Yorkshire Society and the Northumberland and Durham Association on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. at the Kowton Bowling Green Club:

Yorkshire:—P. B. Parks, H. H. Mundy, A. Jillott, J. Deakin, L. de Rose, Col. Holt, M. N. Rakusen, A. Brooksbank, G. B. Foster, A. L. Fisher, J. C. Gill, J. G. Meyer. Reserves. A. R. Brown, J. H. Shaw.

The Northumberland and Durham Association:—Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith T. E. Robson and J. Fraser, J. Hempsley, C. Turpin, G. Henderson and A. Ramsey, C. Gowland, Dean Wilson, S. Hodge and T. W. Carr. Reserves. W. Hudson, W. Greig and W. Mulcahy.



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**CRICKET NOTES****ATROCIOSUS RUNNING BETWEEN WICKETS**

*University Batsmen Show Shocking Lack Of Judgment*

**SGT. DENYER HAS GOOD AFTERNOON**

(By "ADREM")

NEITHER KOWLOON Cricket Club nor Recreio have any reason to feel satisfied with their performances in the friendly cricket match on Saturday.

Fielding on both sides was admittedly good but unless both sides polish up their batting considerably they are not going to do as well in the forthcoming League as they did last season.

Nevertheless this match proved quite thrilling, almost as thrilling indeed as their last encounter in the League.

Night was falling fast when R. E. Lee steered a ball nicely through the covers to secure the two runs K.C.C. required for victory.

I cannot for the life of me understand the feeble batting on both sides. The wicket was entirely lifeless although susceptible to spin. Even Lloyd, who brings the ball down from a great height, could not get anything to pop.

Robbie Lee opened the bowling for the first time this season for K.C.C. and I was rather wondering what to expect. Although inclined to be short, however, he kept a fair length and managed to turn the ball quite a lot. All he wants now is some hardening up in the nets—he has had quite a bit of toughening at camp with the pick and shovel brigade already—and harder wickets and he should do as well as he has ever done.

**SHAPED WELL**

Left-handed L. G. Gosano shaped very confidently at the outset and I thought he was in for quite a few runs. He played some particularly nice shots off Lloyd; one a drive past cover-point for four and another a beautifully timed square cut played very late off the back foot which also flashed to the boundary.

There was not much doing after that although Henry Barros, who is making a great bid for inclusion in the senior team for keeps, compiled a very useful 33, and H. L. Ozorio, who admittedly plays the piano better than he bats, nevertheless participated in his usual stand near the bottom of the list!

Lloyd bowled steadily while Anderson's off-spinners were always difficult to get hold of. Mills was expensive.

Kowloon's batting, as so frequently happens, depended on two men—Anderson and Lloyd. The former, I am told, did not look too happy in the early stages but it was essential that someone stayed and he was content to do just that.

Later when it became apparent that runs would have to be hustled for, he hustled and cracked his fours merrily.

The value of his innings cannot be minimised and there is no doubt that it was he who enabled K.C.C. to win. Lloyd also played his part well, making full use of his reach when playing the spin bowling. Lloyd is definitely at the top of his form at the moment. He has taken his wickets regularly and made his runs at the right moments. If he is here for the entire League season he should do as much as anyone to get K.C.C. somewhere near the top of the table.

**OZORIO AGAIN**

Ozorio took all the wickets that fell and performed with all his old skill. Apparently innocuous, "Ozo" always gets wickets when batsmen try to force the pace—a valuable attribute for the League.

E. A. Lee's performance was once again the bright spot

in Craigengower's batting. Against University at Pokfulum he played a really first-class innings of 61 not out. His only chance was given about half way through his innings.

In partnership with George Souza, who also batted beautifully, he added 75 in an unbroken fourth wicket stand. Francis Zimmern made 30 but this effort cannot be rated higher than aggressive.

The return of Lee to the side is just what the doctor ordered as far as Craigengower is concerned. The loss of those batsmen of last season who have crossed to Kowloon are more than compensated for by Lee, who can always be relied upon in a crisis.

Craigengower had a sorry time of it last year but I shall be surprised if they do not once again attain their eminence of recent seasons in the coming League programme.

**ATROCIOSUS RUNNING**

Chief feature of the University innings was the extraordinary lack of experience of their batsmen. Efficient enough when it came to just batting their running between the wickets and calling was atrocious.

I was given as an example a run called by a batsman for a ball hit to extra cover. It has always been instilled into beginners that there is always a run to extra cover. The batsman at the bowler's end evidently had different ideas and there was a run out.

To a team aspiring to Senior Division there is no excuse for this sort of thing and the Varsity captain would be well advised to get down to business without further delay.

As regards the batting itself, Chin Thian-siew top-scored with 36 but I have heard this innings described as one of the luckiest ever seen on the Pokfulum ground. It was valuable, however, and probably saved University from outright defeat.

There was a useful stand between S. Mahmood and R. Singh who held the fort until stumps. The former's innings was extremely promising. He played a very straight bat when the occasion demanded and appears to warrant immediate promotion in the batting order.

**EASY WICKET**

Zimmern took three wickets in three overs while Billimoria, although as steady as usual, had no luck. The matting covering the wicket was drenched with rain and the ground was soft underneath. Consequently bowlers were given no assistance whatever and two good batting sides should have made hundreds of runs.

A. H. Madar carried I.R.C. through as he does so often, this time against H.K.C.C. He received useful assistance from A. M. Rumjahn who scored 44 and Minu came along later with a hard-hit 26 not out.

Brightest spot of the match, however, was a hurricane innings of 37 by Alec Pearce, who scored 37 out of 48! Club never had much chance of scoring the runs necessary for victory

**A. V. WHITE LEAVES FOR THE NORTH**

A. V. White the well-known Shanghai race-horse owner, who has appeared prominently in Kowloon Cricket Club tennis and cricket since his arrival here some months ago, sailed for Shanghai yesterday accompanied by Mrs. White.

White hopes to return to the Colony at a later date.

and in hustling for runs might very well have lost.

Sgt. Denyer, of the Sappers, is having an amazing season. For Army against Police on Saturday he took 5 for 8 and scored 55 before retiring. There was not much else of note in the match. Police were badly outclassed and the Army batsmen never took matters too seriously.

Quite a strong H.K.C.C. second team was beaten badly by I.R.C. juniors, who hitherto have done nothing to write home about. Barma, A. R. Sufflad and A. H. Ismail made most of the Indians' runs, while R. M. M. King top-scored for Club.

**STOKER LOSES NO TIME**

Bill Stoker, who only arrived from long leave the day before took 3 for 13, while A. el Arculli was the most successful I.R.C. bowler with 5 for 31.

Royal Air Force had rather the worst of the argument with Craigengower juniors, their batsmen failing miserably. Nancarrow, however, was in good form with the ball and took 6 for 39 in 10 overs. The less said about their batting the better!

For Craigengower Arthur Hamson and Archie Hung made 41 and 28 respectively.

**CLUB "A" XV FOR TO-DAY**

Following will represent Club "A" against Police in a Rugby match at the Valley today, commencing at 5.15 p.m.: Lavalle; Bosanquet, Macleod, Van Leeuwen and Forrow; Carruthers and Rutherford; Castleton, Burford, Wanklyn; Benn, Stout; Stewart, Stoker and Godfrey.

**Triangular Tourney Team Selected**

Providing all are available Club's Triangular Rugby Tournament team to meet Army at Sookunpoo on Saturday is likely to be: Bidwell; Stewart, Hutchinson, Charter and Bosanquet; Cessford and Hutchinson; Walkden, Castleton, Stout; Bompas, Needham; Godfrey, Kennedy and Richardson.

Notable absences are Thompson from full-back—he is still not fit—and Peers, who is away from the Colony, Salter, who has been passed over, and Alec Taylor, who is still nursing an injury.

The Army team is:—Sergt. Lang (R.A.O.C.); Bomdr. Marsh (8th H.R.A.), Lieut. Skipwith (8th H.R.A.), L/Cpl. Waite (R.E.) and L/Bdr. Richards (8th H.R.A.); L/Cpl. Boe, (R.S.) and Lieut. Hook (8th H.R.A.); Lieut. Pinkerton (R.S.), Lieut. Hewitt (Mdx. R.), L/Bdr. Evans (5th A.A.R.A.), Pte. Berry (Mdx. R.), L/Bdr. Whitehead (6th A.A.R.A.), Capt. Duke (R.S.), Lieut. Cuthbertson (R.S.) and Lieut. Ridsdale (Royal Norfolk).

Reserves:—Page (5th A.A.R.A.), Sign. Willis (R.C.S.) and L/Cpl. Smith (Seaforth Hds.).

**C.S.C.C. BILLIARDS**

The following will represent C.S.C.C. at Garrison Sergts.' Mess on Thursday at 7.00 p.m.

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## INTERPORTER JOINS "Y" LADIES

Miss Decima Eardley, Shanghai Interport inside-left, has joined "Y" Ladies, for whom her sister, Mrs. Strange, plays. Miss Buckler is leaving for Singapore next month and the vacancy on the left-wing was causing the champions some anxiety. With Miss Eardley in their team a reshuffle at forward should solve all difficulties.

## ENGINEERS' HOCKEY WIN

Through a goal scored in the second half by Homberg, Royal Engineers won their Hockey Association tournament match against Ordnance 1-0 at Sookunpoo yesterday.

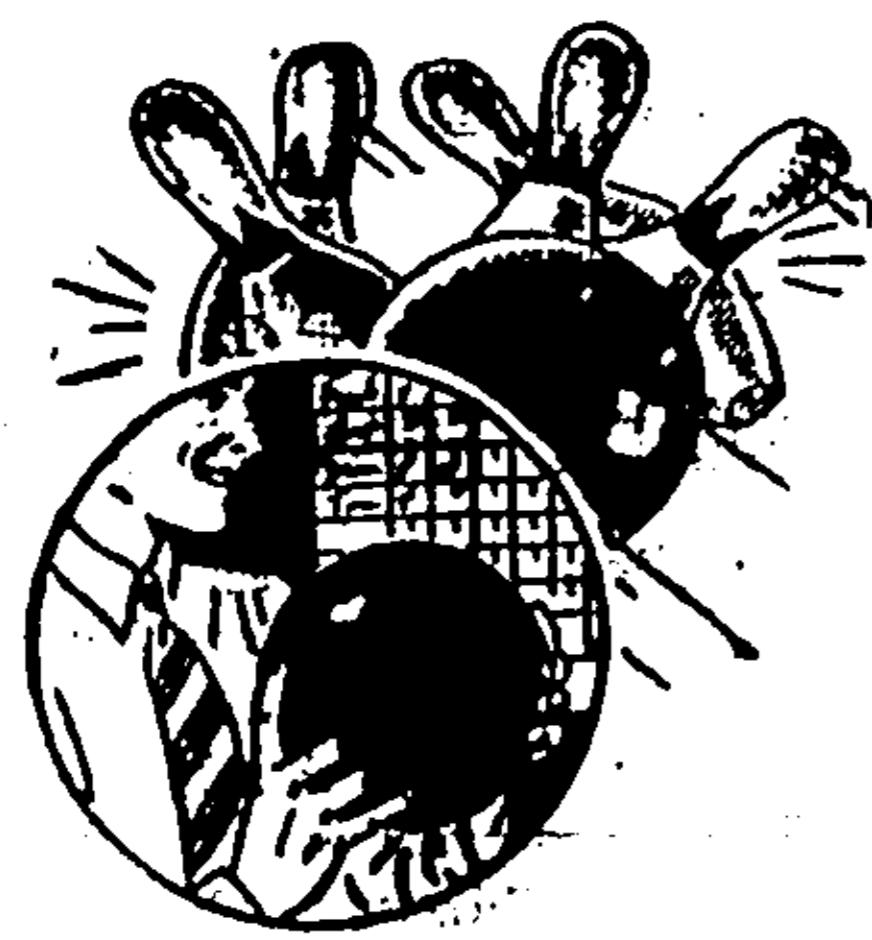
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## ARMY CRICKET

# RATCLIFFE AND FREEMAN IN FINE STAND; DENYER AGAIN

ROYAL ENGINEERS again beat Royal Army Ordnance Corps, by 61 runs in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday featured by a hat-trick by Sgt. Denyer.

Ratcliffe and Freeman, for Sappers, added 72 for the second wicket.

Denyer's hat-trick was a splendid effort and this fine bowler finished up with 4 for 1, remarkable figures!

### ROYAL ENGINEERS

Spr. Ratcliffe, c Bandier, b Emberson	45
Sgt. Carpenter, c Gardner, b Buckle	1
Capt. Freeman, b Buckle	33
S. M. Green, not out	22
Spr. Bailey, c Munton, b Emberson	2
Sgt. Denyer, c Gardner, b Buckle	1
S/Sgt. Shipp, c Gardner, b Buckle	1
Capt. Parsons, Ibw., b Emberson	1
Lt. Pope, c and b Emberson	3
Q.M.S. Bartlett, c and b Buckle	1
Total (for 9 wkts)	110

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**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB**

THE TWENTIETH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 2nd December, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

**MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE**  
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Hong Kong, 27th Nov., 1939.

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All members desirous of playing in this Match are requested to communicate by 1st December with Mr. W. Macfarlane, Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., Causeway Bay.

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS AND REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS will be closed from Friday, 1st December, 1939, to Friday, 22nd December, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

JOHN V. BRAGA,  
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 15th. Nov., 1939.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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## IMPORTANT MEETING IN FRANCE

When the case in which Agit Singh, charged with rape, was to be continued this morning before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, it was found that one of the jurors, Mr. A. A. Wan, was absent.

The court was delayed over 20 minutes while he was sent for.

On arrival, Mr. Wan said he mis-took the time. He had gone to Mr. Chen's office and was shown a diary where the time was 2.30 p.m.

Mr. Chen was asked to go into the matter.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, is for the defence, and Mr. T. J. Gould, assistant Crown Counsel prosecuting.

Pc Chau, a gardener, gave evidence this morning and said he was in the servants' quarters near the guard house when he heard a woman and children crying. The sound gave from a direction a little distance from the guard house.

He heard a woman say, twice, "I'll report you." He called another man and both went out, but they neither saw anyone nor did they hear further sounds. Later he went home, and on the road saw the woman and the children on their way to Sheung Shui.

The case is proceeding.

### "LONDON" SINKING STORY DENIED

London, To-day. The Admiralty has now issued a statement declaring that the German Radio claim that a British cruiser of the "London" class has been sunk by a U-boat is devoid of truth. — Reuter.

Paris, To-day. An important meeting of Ministers was held yesterday evening at the War Ministry, with M. Daladier presiding.

Those attending included the Minister of Finance, the Minister of the Navy, and the Ministers for Air, Blockade, Agriculture, Trade, Public Works, Merchant Marine, Armaments and National Economy.—Reuter.

## ZEPPELIN TRANSPORT?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day. Commodore Count von Eckener, the famous Zeppelin commander, has been summoned to Berlin, where he is to study means of remedying the lack of transportation facilities between Soviet Russia and Nazi Germany by means of Zeppelins, according to the "Telegraaf."

The Zeppelins will be used to transport freight, notably oil.—Havas.

## OPIUM CASE

Charged with possession of 575 taels of raw opium, Ho Ying-yuen appeared before Mr. R. Edwards this morning.

The opium was found inside a leather basket which defendant was carrying in Connaught Road Central last night.

Defendant, said the basket was given to him by a friend. He did not know there was opium inside.

Defendant was remanded on bail of \$2,500.

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Kwong Chow Wan, To-day. Having occupied Nanning, the Japanese forces are turning their attention to Pakhoi.

Japanese marines attempted a landing near the port yesterday afternoon. They were repulsed.

The Japanese troops who proceeded past Pakhoi towards Lim-chowfu, are reported as being reinforced by soldiers from the Yamchowfu area.—Our Own Correspondent.

It is announced that as and from December 7th, telegrams in the following commercial codes may be sent from or received at Hong Kong:—Bentley's Complete Phrase Code, Bentley's Second Phrase Code, A.B.C. 6th Edition, Petersen's 3rd Edition. For these codes the following abbreviated titles will be telegraphed after the preamble at the end of any route instructions: — Bencom, Bensec, ABC, and Pet. respectively.

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**DEATHS**

DA SILVA—This morning, after a short illness, Carlos Nolasco da Silva, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. N. da Silva, at the age of 22.

Funeral will take place tomorrow leaving his parents' residence, No. 7, Garden Road at 4:45 p.m., passing the Monument at 5:15 p.m.

BUSH.—At the Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital on November 29, 1939, James Daniel Bush, formerly Professor of English Literature at Peking National University and Sun Yat-sen University, Canton. Aged 53 years.

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